

General Chairman's Report April 2017

Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman

Claims 2017

I have filed a total of 78 claims concerning over 200 violations of our agreement. Please continue to put in the penalty slips, with as much information as possible on the time cards. If ordered to do extra work, list time, name and title of the person who ordered the move. Forward the paystub denial along with your second copy, **front and back**, to me so I can file them in a timely manner.

Uniforms Issues

Please email if you are having any issues either with the uniform or with the uniform company itself, This & That Uniforms. Send all related emails to:

<http://utulocal60.com/members-tools/uniform-feedback/>

If you need to order your 2017 uniform:

<http://www.njtuniforms.com/>

C3RS PROGRAM

Members who have reported incidents and have received acceptance or confirmation numbers must fax a copy to;
Richard M. Green, Senior Director System Operations
Fax 201-649-1987

Safety Hotline

Please call 877-806-8283 with any safety concerns. This would include crew shortages that make your train unsafe for you or your passengers. If you want a response please leave a return number so they will be able to contact you. If you think it is an unsafe condition report it.

Missed Transportation Forms

Any member of a crew should fill out this form if a complete lift is not made. The form should indicate whether any TC jobs were blanked which caused the missed collection. Please give a copy of the form to a union officer or place it in our L-60 mailboxes. I have not received a lot of these forms in the office and need them to address this issue properly. Recent meetings with Carrier have shed some light on the magnitude of this issue. Please continue to get copies to the Union.

Penalty Slips

The time slip is printed across the top "**Penalty**". You fill out two copies and get them **both** time stamped at the receivers office. If your claim is denied, get your denial and stamped time card to office, I will progress the claim.

I need a copy of your denials to progress the claims.

Please fax to office **973-527-7020**.

L-60 Safety Teams

The Safety teams have documented dozens of members safety concerns already this year. Crew shortages on trains, health concerns in terminals, yard defects and equipment malfunctions to name a few. I urge you to contact the the members listed below and give them the opportunity to have the problems corrected so we can operate in a safer workplace. Please email your safety concerns to the corresponding members.

Newark Division

Atlantic City- Joe Dolejsch- jdolejsch@utulocal60.com

Raritan - Marc Sussman- msussman@utulocal60.com

LB/BH - Jimmy Jackson- jjackson@utulocal60.com

NEC/MMC - Marinella Giovaniello-
mgiovaniello@utulocal60.com

Hoboken Division

James Tufano - jtufano@utulocal60.com

Carl Schab - cschab@utulocal60.com

James Lewis - jlewis@utulocal60.com

Vinnie Owes - vowes@utulocal60.com

Question on Mandatory Rest

If the crew caller informs you that you must take 24 or 48 rest and you disagree call Bill Nadansky at 973-491-7753. Bill has all of the work records and will discuss it with you.

Assaults & UOR

Please fax all copies of reports concerning members being assaulted to me asap. Please fax UOR copy to Chief Dispatcher at end of shift. If you receive notice of a court date or a subpoena please email me so I can contact the NJTPD about having the officer appear with you in court.
Fax- 973-527-7020 / EMAIL sburkert@utulocal60.com

Cellphones

Use of a personal cell phone or electronic device while on duty could incur a penalty of **60** days actual and potential monetary fines against **you** from the FRA. This list includes phones, tablets and smart watches. It could cost your employment, please turn off your electronics.

Ticket Collection

Please work to meet on all trains in an attempt to collect all fares. Please cancel all revenue tickets that you collect immediately and have your \$100.00 working fund on your person while on duty.

Address Changes

Members as a reminder if your mailing address changes please notify the Carrier and the Union office. If we need to mail out notices or ballots we need your correct address. email emitchell@utulocal60.com

.Payroll Issues

Please submit electronically on Local 60 site:
<http://utulocal60.com/payroll-shortage-form-2/>

Please have your pay stub with payout sheet and any copies of your time cards ready for them to assist you in payment.

FMLA Issues

Please email Roshonda Brown at rbrown@utulocal60.com
or
Cookie Doyle at cdoyle@utulocal60.com

Meeting with Executive Director Santoro

I have had several recent meetings with Director Santoro over OSA/Sleep Apnea. NJT is trying to put together a policy system wide in dealing with this issue. I have already filed a grievance on behalf all of the members who have lost time due to the extended medical testing. Any member who uses a ***dental appliance for corrective sleep apnea***, this appliance will no longer be considered to be in compliance under the new policy being formulated. Please contact your pulmonologist, NJT is requiring a CPAP/APAP machine that is capable of registering daily compliance.

PINK Mileage “AMNESTY” Sheets

April 1st there will be PINK mileage sheets available, these are **ONLY** to be used for any past due mileage that is over 60 days old. This means if you are missing mileage from last year or even before that, this is your final opportunity to be compensated, similar to how the PINK PAYROLL Sheets worked a year ago. You will have a little over a month's time to submit the pink sheets. After this amnesty period closes, you will not have the chance to submit lost mileage. You must submit the current gas mile sheets in a timely manner to be compensated.

Certification Cards

Please inform supervision if the back of your FRA Certification cards are incorrect as far as hearing and vision, they must replace them.

Flagging HOS

The flagging assignments that were transferred to HOS were solely done by the Carrier. I am working to clarify the intent of the FRA regulations through SMART TD. FRA legal in Washington DC. A document that was put together by Local 60 Union officers and the Carrier regarding job duties was sent to FRA in DC, we are awaiting a written response.

Rollover Spring 2017

The tentative date is 1st week in May, this could change due to construction activities forecast.

Thank You
Stephen J. Burkert
General Chairman

