

General Chairman's Report May 2017

Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman

Members OOS for Sleep Apnea

Any member who has been taken **Out Of Service** from NJT medical over Sleep Apnea please email me at sburkert@utulocal60.com

I already have a claim in against the Carrier for such incidents. I am **not** notified from the Carrier when members are taken out, please contact me so you can receive relevant information and I can add your name to the claim list. I would also like any members who has been taken OOS in years past for sleep apnea to also email.

Claims 2017

I have filed a total of 84 claims concerning over 215 violations of our agreement since 1/1/2017. 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. Local 60 Members so far this year have received a total compensation over \$16,500.00 for these violations.

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 our Local 60 Website: <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 contact you. If you think it is an unsafe condition report it.

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.

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 an 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 has 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**.

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.

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

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

Also important documents are on our Local 60 website at:
<http://utulocal60.com/2017/03/06/important-documents-for-members-who-are-assaulted>

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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

FMLA Issues

Please email Roshonda Brown at rbrown@utulocal60.com

or

Cookie Doyle at cdoyle@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.

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.

This amnesty period closes on May 15, 2017

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 are still being discussed between myself and the Carrier. We again asked for the answers to the clarification questions that were sent to the FRA in DC so our members know the scope of their duties and how to properly fill out the required HOS forms.

AMTRAK DELAYS

This past month I represented our crews that were formally requested to attend an FRA/NJT interview over the ACELA sideswipe incident. It was confirmed that are crew acted professionally and had zero liability in the incident.

Please contact me via phone, **570-228-9411**, as soon as possible if you or your crew are ordered or requested to attend any such interview. You have the right to be properly represented by your union and I will sit beside you during any questioning.

There will be news this week about modified service concerning track work in NYPS. I will monitor those

changes as they affect our members and make suggestions to the Carrier concerning our members issues.

SOCIAL MEDIA

New Jersey Transit and **AMTRAK** have been getting slammed in the press over delays and mechanical breakdowns. I have spoken to NJT about the abuse our crews have taken onboard trains and on platforms over issues that are beyond our control. I have also requested more **NJTPD** presence when there is service disruptions to maintain a safe workplace for our members. Please do not engage the passengers when they are angry and verbally abusive, be professional and informative making as many PA announcements as possible. If a passenger threatens you or refuses to pay the proper fare, follow the NJT rules and request police assistance. **Do Not** put yourself, your crew or the other passengers in danger by escalating the actions of a disgruntled passenger. Call for the proper assistance and let the police handle the situation.

DO NOT TALK TO THE PRESS OR POST ONLINE

I, along with your SMART TD State Legislative Director Ron Sabol, will continue to meet with any political person who can assist our members. This includes elected county, state, federal and any agency such as the FRA or OSHA. We recently attended an open house at night for Phil Murphy, who is running for NJ Governor. While attending we also spoke with Senator Loretta Weinberg and Congressman Bill Pascrell about issues that are pertinent to our members and their families. These types of meetings are crucial in getting our message across on what is really happening in our daily lives while working here at NJTRO. I along with your officers see the benefit of our contributions to the PAC fund both at the state and federal level. I encourage you to contribute to PAC, as it is an investment in your future. As the slogan goes:

WORK UNION / LIVE BETTER

Thank You
Stephen J. Burkert
General Chairman

