

# **General Chairman's Report August 2017**

**Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman**

## **Crew Members Assaulted**

Again this month we have had crew members assaulted while they are performing their duties. I am working with the Executive Director Santoro and Chief of NJTPD Trucillio on ways to combat the assaults. The UOR forms that have been sent into the office about problems on trains or stations have been acted upon immediately and arrests have been made where possible. Please email me, [sburkert@utulocal60.com](mailto:sburkert@utulocal60.com)

If any crews are having recurring issues. I can not fix the issue if you do not notify me about the issue. Please fax a copy of the UOR of any assaults or issues to the Union office at 973-527-7020.

## **NJ Governor Race**

I have again met with either Phil Murphy or his top staff over my concerns about present and future NJ Transit issues. I will continue to have these meetings so that the concerns of LOCAL 60 Member's are heard directly to the people making decisions on our future.

## **SMART TD NYC Regional Meeting**

I attended the regional meeting this past month in New York City. While there I attended seminars and had a chance to speak with other members and General Chairpersons from across the country. Many of the issues that we are having on our property are also a concern elsewhere. The other GC's are attacking issues from different angles and court venues. Issues such as sleep apnea, vision issues, cellphone, Carrier intimidation, assaults are just a few. We will share results and tactics to ensure all of our members are served to the best of our ability as General Chairpersons.

I also spoke with Harry Hoglander from the National Mediation Board about the lack action with arbitration for claims denied from NJ Transit. The meeting was fruitful, this past week I was notified of that some of our dismissed members cases will be heard shortly.

I had multiple meetings with our International Officers including President Previsich on issues concerning a broad spectrum of members issues.

I also attended the NJ State Legislative Board meeting, Chaired by our NJ Director Ron Sabol. This meeting was also attended by General President Sellers, who complimented the NJ Legislative board for being so proactive in our state for members

## On the Job Injury Form

Please go to our Local 60 webpage,

**Utulocal60.com**

and download this form to have on your person. This is the form the doctor or hospital will need for billing with an “ON THE JOB INJURY”. The form is very important and should be with you at all times while you are on duty.

## Local 60 Member Alert Notification

I encourage **ALL** members to sign up for this alert system. If there is urgent news that I feel our members should be made aware of immediately I will use this system to alert you via text and email, similar to a reverse 911 system used at schools for weather disruptions or emergencies.

Please sign up in the following manner.

**Text to number 313131.**

In body of message use the keyword; **SMARTTD60**

( this will assign you to our account)

Please include the following information in the text.

**Name, Emp# and Email**

## **Sleep Apnea Members Positive or Negative**

I have consulted with designated SMART TD Legal Counsel on this matter and they require the following information to be provided in an email to me.

Name/employee number/home address/phone number/Job title/ date taken OOS, date returned to service/whether positive or negative/date of diagnosis/seniority date/rate of pay at time and please list all medical expenses.

Please email asap to [sburkert@utulocal60.com](mailto:sburkert@utulocal60.com)

## **2017 Members Claims**

So far this year I filed 142 penalty claims against the Carrier for thousands of violations of our agreement. I urge you to continue to protect our contract by filling out penalty time cards. This past month members were compensated for the completed grievances. Mishandles, no flag protection, bid errors and dual service were just some of the types of claims that were grieved and found correct.

### **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 a confirmation number please contact Darren Donald at 973-261-0946 or [DDonald@njtransit.com](mailto:DDonald@njtransit.com)

### **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**.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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>

### **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](mailto: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. Please double check exactly what you are missing, and give a clear information on what you're shortage is about. If you were ordered to do extra work, it would be helpful to have the name of the person.

### **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. You must carry the actual card on your person while you are working on the property.

### **FMLA Issues**

Please email Roshonda Brown at [rbrown@utulocal60.com](mailto:rbrown@utulocal60.com)

or



Cookie Doyle at [cdoyle@utulocal60.com](mailto:cdoyle@utulocal60.com)

### **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](mailto:jdolejsch@utulocal60.com)

Raritan - Marc Sussman- [msussman@utulocal60.com](mailto:msussman@utulocal60.com)

LB/BH - Jimmy Jackson- [jjackson@utulocal60.com](mailto:jjackson@utulocal60.com)

NEC/MMC - Marinella Giovaniello-

[mgiovaniello@utulocal60.com](mailto:mgiovaniello@utulocal60.com)

### **Hoboken Division**

James Tufano - [jtufano@utulocal60.com](mailto:jtufano@utulocal60.com)

Carl Schab - [cschab@utulocal60.com](mailto:cschab@utulocal60.com)

James Lewis - [jlewis@utulocal60.com](mailto:jlewis@utulocal60.com)

Vinnie Owes - [vowes@utulocal60.com](mailto:vowes@utulocal60.com)

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**Thank You  
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General Chairman**



