

General Chairman's Report October 2017

Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman

This was a short interlude in between monthly meetings but a very busy and productive time period. I attended Directors Appeals for older claims and also Managers Appeals for all of the new claims. I had the opportunity to meet with Dan Benson Assemblymen for Middlesex 14th District and discuss many issues our members are having while performing their daily assignments. I again had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with Phil Murphy, the clear front runner for the NJ Governor's race.

I attended the Railmen for Children Golf Outing and had a chance to talk with members about our past, present and future endeavors. They announced that over 350 children will be participating in this years SANTA TRAIN in December.

I attended our monthly meeting about **CTP** and discussed areas of concern in training and what I expect the program to provide our newest Members. This is not limited to classroom but also OJT while working with our crews.

I was in attendance on Monday 9/25 in Trenton for the latest round of hearings concerning NJT. I spoke with Senators Weinberg and Gordon, also Assemblyman McKeon about members concerns going forward in dealing with crew staffing, assaults and designated funding for operations.

I attended a meeting with the Carrier concerning PINK MILEAGE AMNESTY, among many other issues.

I attended the inaugural meeting of the Morris County Joint Labor Council on Wednesday night 9/27. The intent of the group is to band together as one voice when issues arise and speak with the politicians about the ramifications before the plans are set in motion. We were invited to attend since our office is in Netcong and they know we are already politically active.

I attended a night time event in Belmar for Assemblyman DeAngelo, and had the opportunity to discuss members issues with him.

I also attended the Railroad Retirement Board Seminar on Friday 9/29 to keep current on issues that affect you the members but also your families.

Pink Mileage Amnesty Update

If any member submitted mileage on the Pink forms and has not been paid or was only paid a partial amount please contact me at sburkert@utulocal60.com

If you do not contact me at this time with the proper information, this program will be considered closed and there will be no further recourse to reclaim your money.

FLAG HOS INFORMATION

I ask any members who were denied the right to work when NJ Transit changed their HOS policy during 2017 to please gather the dates, job symbols and lost earnings. I have filed a grievance on your behalf for lost earnings, I need the emails from Members now on the days that were lost due to taking the 24 or 48.

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

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

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.

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**.

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.

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. The Carrier does not automatically notify me of an assaulted member or incident while at work. Please protect yourself and send me all paperwork as soon as it is possible. 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:

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. 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

or

Cookie Doyle at 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

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

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**Thank You
Stephen J. Burkert
General Chairman**

