

# **General Chairman's Report January** **2018**

**Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman**

## **New Class 17-04**

I attended the seniority pick process and spoke to the newest Members to our family on 12/14/17. There were 24 Members in the new class. I wish them all success in their new careers working with all of us at Local 60.

## **Probation Period Rule 39**

I have been asking for clarity on this rule for 3 years since I originally took the office of General Chairman. The Rule as stated in our contract demanded a defined time period that was not tied to a test date, for when the new student's probation ended. The Carrier agreed with my version and the probation period for all new classes and those still in progress will be 6 months from the first day of class.

## **Assault Meetings**

I will be meeting with the Carrier and NJTPD every month starting in January concerning assaults. The meeting will be similar to our safety meetings where status of cases will be reviewed and solutions discussed.

### **PATH LOCAL 1413**

I was invited to attend a Holiday party on 12/21/17 in Jersey City for our Brothers and Sisters from SMART TD PATH 1413. The Members in attendance appreciated the way Local 60 and Local 1413 work together in discussions about capital projects that affect our joint service. I explained that the politicians who we both speak with have a better understanding about the relationship between how our passengers daily commute affects all of us.

### **General Chairman Subpoena**

I have been subpoenaed to testify at the NJ Capitol Building on Monday 1/8/2018. The Senators and Assembly wish to question me about our MISSED TRANSPORTATION FORMS and why it happens. I will be as detailed as possible in describing the challenges that our Members face on a daily basis. I welcome the opportunity to represent our Members and to explain to those in attendance and others the difficult position the Carrier puts us in while performing our jobs.

### **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)

## **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/>

## **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 to 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**.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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)

## **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](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>

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## **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)

## **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.

## **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- Ernie Rivello - [erivello@utulocal60.com](mailto:erivello@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**  
**Stephen J. Burkert**

# **General Chairman**



