

General Chairman's Report February **2018**

Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman

Trenton Testimony

On Monday January 8th I testified about the overcrowding and understaffing of our trains in front of Senators in Trenton. I explained that airlines have a 50 passenger to 1 crew member ratio. On our properly staffed trains we are at 400 to 1, understaffed trains are 1000 to 1 and when NJT decides to run "Conductor only" we are at 2000 to 1. There are numerous National Transportation Safety Board recommendations made after train derailments or collisions that say the train crew is vital to passengers safety. The train crew is safety trained and is there to assist passengers in an emergency situation. New Jersey Transit is running trains knowing that there are insufficient crew members to handle an emergency. There will be more meetings with the senators in the future regarding safety issues on board our trains. Issues such as the rising assaults on crews, equipment failures and lack of communication at critical times have been discussed.

NJTPD Meetings

I met with Chief of Police Trucillo again about our concerns involving assaults. Our CODE BLACK will be reviewed and revised as an update is needed. We discussed a need to have an NJTPD presence in NY PENN Station, so our crews are properly safeguarded. I will continue to have these meetings to further our Members cause in having a safe work environment.

OPEN CAR POLICY

I met with the Carrier this month about adjusting the amount of coaches that must be open for operation. We put together a detailed list of trains and times that reflect the service demands rather than a blanket edict. The Carrier will be posting it shortly to all crews. The adjustments will be reviewed to see if further changes need to be made in the future.

GAS MILEAGE

The gas mileage issue is being worked from multiple sides. I am working with the Carrier to try and streamline the process so the wait time from submission to a payout check is not as lengthy. The main cause of delay is the new way checks are being entered into system. The system itself is new due to the old system was crashing because of its age.

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/>

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 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 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 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

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:
<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

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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. 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
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
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General Chairman

