

General Chairman's Report October **2018**

Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman

NJTPD Train Riding Patrols

I was successful in meetings with both Executive Director Corbett and Chief of Police Trucillo about putting uniformed officers on our trains in an effort to cut down on train crew assaults. The transit officers have been starting out of major terminals and then walking through the train during the trip to assist the crew if needed. The extra train patrols have been productive already in lowering the percentage of assaults. Please fill out a UOR and fax to my office at 973-527-7019 if there is an incident.

Meeting in NYC with NJT Bus, Rail, Light Rail

I did meet with Local and International Officers from all three divisions of New Jersey Transit over pending legislation issues and issues that affect all of us jointly. I will be meeting with this group quarterly to stay current on issues as they arise. This is a first time in the nation for this type of meeting. The assembled group wants to be more involved on the political side and speak directly to the politicians about what affects their members.

Phones and Scanners

I did meet with the Carrier on a couple of meetings this month that centered on new phones for Members. The new phones will be more advanced in technology than what we have now and have many new features that will assist the crews in their duties. I am reviewing all of the information to protect our Members in light of recent FRA fines and making sure that the fine details are well discussed before they are distributed.

The scanners are a device that is separate from the phones, but used in conjunction with the phone. The phone would be inserted into a holder and used to scan tickets. The Carrier is still working on the scanner and the benefits to crew members. I will have more meetings in the near future and provide that information. I firmly believe that both of these items should be addressed in the confines of a contract item. I have made it known to the Carrier that implementation of either must be discussed before they are handed out or I will be filing a grievance. I have discussed this issue with Past General Chairman of Local 60 and with their assistance I will proceed down the road that protects our member's contractual rights.

ACTP Training Classes

There have been questions raised from some students about what arbitraries they are entitled to while in class. I have secured from the Carrier that all students will get DH and Gas Mileage from either New York or Hoboken while they are in OJT portion of class. I have also secured the Conductor Certification Allowance when they are entitled during that portion of training. I would urge all students if they have questions to please email me at

sburkert@utulocal60.com

I have worked diligently in making sure the newest members of our Local are treated fairly and compensated correctly according to our contract. If you have a question email me so I can give you the correct information and you do not get short changed.

ROLLOVER October 14

If your assignment is listed in this weeks job bulletin for a change in time, trains or holiday, you must bid the assignment. The automatic bidder status is not in affect when it is ROLLOVER. I am trying to work out issues with the Carrier of certain assignments but as you are aware the Union has no control over the assignments or the changes to the assignments.

G-250 Notices Local 60 Webpage Tab

Any Member who has received a G-250 notice about a hearing and investigation from the Carrier it is imperative that you fill out the form on the front page of our webpage.

<http://utulocal60.com/g250/>

Please give as much information as possible.

Crew Caller Issue Local 60 Webpage Tab

I have been on the property discussing current events with Members and getting feedback. One of the main complaints that I am getting deals with crewcaller issues. I am asking **ALL Members** who are running into issues to please fill out the form. If the caller is saying that there is no work available and yet TC jobs are blanked, fill out the form. If you believe that you were run around on the list, had another person “moved up” incorrectly or if you were not given accurate information, please fill out the form.

<http://utulocal60.com/crew-caller-issues/>

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/>

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

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.

C3RS PROGRAM

Members who have reported incidents and have received a confirmation number please contact Keith Arnold at karnold@njtransit.com

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.

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 Mike Minutillo 201 246 2996 or email mminutillo@njtransit.com. Mike has all of the work records and will discuss it with you.

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

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.

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.

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.

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
or
Cookie Doyle at cdoyle@utulocal60.com

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
Stephen J. Burkert**

General Chairman

