

General Chairman's Report November **2018**

Stephen J. Burkert - General Chairman

Retroactive Pay for Deceased Members

I have settled a claim with the Carrier over a group of Local 60 Members who passed away before the last contract was ratified. All of those Members who were owed monies due to retroactive wages will be paid shortly. This also applies to any Member who became disabled during the same time period. I am grateful this settlement brings to a conclusion on this topic and I wish to extend my apologies to the families affected that it too so long.

Special Board of Adjustment Hearings

On October 10, 2018 we did have two hearings for dismissed Members held at NJ Transit Headquarters. These hearings were heard by an arbitrator from the National Mediation Board in Washington DC. The hearings give the Members and Union the opportunity to present evidence to a neutral party for a decision. I am happy to report that both Members will be restored to service and their seniority will stay intact.

Election Day Results

I want to thank all Members who voted on November 6 either at a polling booth or cast an Absentee ballot. The election produced results that will help us in the future over funding issues and other legislative endeavors we are already in the process of completing. I want to also thank Ron Sabol NJSLD for providing information and recommendations on all of the candidates that support us.

Penalty Claims

I have filed 153 penalty claims so far this year against the Carrier for violations of our Agreement. I am asking for Members who are not allowed to work because of Hours of Service please continue to fill out the 025 claims. If a Member is ordered to perform yard service and passenger service in the same tour of duty please fill out the Rule 13 & 24 penalty claims. I will continue to protect our Agreement against the Carrier violations but the Member must file the proper penalty card so I can properly document the claim.

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

