

## General Chairman's Report

March 7, 2021

**Covid-19 Vaccination:** Governor Murphy has announced all of our members will be eligible to receive the vaccine shot on 3/15. NJ Transit is currently working on the logistics as far as administering the vaccine. Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> Governor Murphy's team will be holding an informational for both Smart-Td Local 60 members and the ATU. The link is posted on our sites, please register and participate.

**Assaults:** I'm asking all members that are threatened verbally or physically to call 911 and get the local police's assistance. All members must realize unlike NJTPD, the local police have the final decision on matters. I'm not saying call the local police for fare refusal, non compliance of E.O, but if our members feel things are getting out of control and the police are needed, call 911. What happened to Brother Butler is unacceptable and we have to do any and everything necessary to protect ourselves. I would like to thank Mr. Mike Ruben NJ Transit Employee Advocate for doing an outstanding job writing letters on behalf of our members to the prosecutors explaining why the assault cases need to stay in Superior Court.

**Contract:** Our Work Rules Committee met with NJ Transit last week, this was our fourth meeting. We will be meeting again Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>. As stated previously we alternate picking out five Work Rules to discuss, clarify interpretations, negotiate etc. Working along side Jersey Renews and the ATU to push for Dedicated Funding for NJ Transit. We were on a conference call this past Thursday. We have another call Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Work/Assignments:** All members must work all assigned trains. If there is any deviation from that you must call the Trainmaster and make them aware. Supervision will be out on the property, especially on the weekends, all shifts and focused on NYPS. We need to ensure all members are collecting fares. We have to make sure we do our part bringing funds back to the fare box. We are the only craft that can affect the Fare Box and we can be creative as well. Please use the MVD's, I know they're not perfect, but they will improve over time.

**Equipment/Facilities:** Please all members report any trains or facilities that are not cleaned properly. Train #'s, times, dates and any pictures will be a great assistance.

**Direct Contact:** Brother and Sisters if you were told you came in Direct Contact with someone that tested positive for Covid-19 you must mark off. You cannot come to work period. You must call your doctor and have the doctor give you a medical opinion. Your Union Officer's cannot give you a medical opinion. When a member is given this notification he/she must mark off regardless of their On Duty sign up.

**ACTP Qualifying Physical Characteristics:** All members qualifying the Physical Characteristics must ride appropriate trains over the territory they're qualifying. All of these members must get the Conductor or Engineer their Head End pass. Covid-19 sometimes doesn't allow the member to ride on the Head End, so the member rides the Hind End. Before going to the Hind End have the Conductor sign you Head End pass. A Ticket Collector or Rear Brake cannot sign your Head End pass.

**Education Committee:** Smart-TD Local 60 held there first Education Committee via Zoom this month. Local 60's first Education Committee meeting was conducted by, Brother Spratt. The topic addressed was Penalty Time Cards. Local 60 will have these meeting once a month with varying topics. The Zoom link will be posted on our sites, with the date, time and topic to be discussed. For encourage all members that are able to participate live to please do as much. The meetings are recorded and will be posted on our Smart-TD Local 60 Facebook page.