

General Chairman Report

June 2021

- **Electric Time Cards:** The Carrier has created and will be implementing the use of Electronic Time Cards. Members will be able to submit Time Cards electronically by using their desktop, laptop, tablets and mobile devices. The Union has two members working with the Carrier on the testing phase currently.
- **Mentor to Mentor Training:** Officer's from LCA-C will be working with the Safety Department and the Training Department on what is expected of the Mentors when training a student in the yard. The Union has created a list of what we feel is necessary to properly train and help the student become proficient working on Yard assignments. This will also assist all mentors by having a consistent message in place.
- **Assaults:** We continue to have multiple meeting and discussions on how to protect our members from being assaulted on the trains. The discussions have been ongoing. As previously stated we are working with the NJT PBA and FOP, as well with NJTPD supervision and the Carrier. NJ Transit PD has a new Assistant Deputy Police Chief named Andy Crowe. I, Assistant Deputy Chief Crowe, and Acting General Manager Mr. Sincaglia, had a productive conversation addressing more train riding by NJTPD personel.
- **Contract:** We've had our 10th Work Rule committee meeting with the Carrier. These meeting have been productive. This week will be having our 11th and final Work Rule meeting. Contract talks are

ongoing.

- Ticket Collectors: We would like to stress the point of using the MVD's to collect tickets. We need all members to go through their cars and collect all revenue. The Carrier and the Organization will jointly work together and ensure revenue is being collected properly. Officers and Trainmaster's will be riding on trains on both divisions observing revenue collection as well as addressing members issues.
- Uncommanded Door Procedure: Recently there has been numerous uncommanded door openings. Brother Schneider is doing a great job making sure the conflict is being documented properly. I would like remind members (Conductors) to allow the dispatcher to make all decisions regarding the train movement after a train experiences an uncommanded door opening. Please do not put the onus on yourselves to make any decisions regarding the movement of the train.
- Uniforms: Members please make sure you are adhering to NJ Transits Uniform Policy. This includes wearing your hats. Your hat distinguishes you as a Conductor and/ or Assistant Conductor. We should take pride in wearing our uniforms properly.
- Employee Court Advocate: I would like to thank Mr. Mike Rubin for the outstanding job he has been doing addressing assault charges with prosecutors from municipalites and county juristidictions. A member was assaulted and seriously injured. The charges were upgraded from a 3rd degree felony to 2nd degree felony. His work also assisted with a perpetrator receiving a 3- year jail sentence after threatening two of our members with a knife on separate occasions. Mr. Rubin stays in constant contact with our members that have been assaulted.
- Jumping Short: Members please work your assignment as advertised, period.

- C3RS: The PRT Handbook has been changed to eliminate any General Chairman as being part of the Peer Review Team. This action should assist on the program getting proper results to protect members as well as corrective actions. We are working with the Carrier on addressing and implementing the needed corrective actions.
- Hoboken Terminal: Hoboken Terminal is considered an open-air terminal. The TSA language is ambiguous at best, but our members must continue to wear their masks. Until the guidelines from the TSA reflects an actual change, please wear your masks.
- I would like to send condolences to our members that recently lost loved ones. These times are difficult, and we must remember to treat one another with respect at all times. We will never know what someone is going through.