

General Chairman Report

August 2022

Mileage: All Mileage submitted during April 2022 will have to be resubmitted due to Carrier error. A Division Notice came out advising members to submit no later than August 31st. This was addressed by the Union and the Division Notice will be revised with no end date. We encourage members to submit as soon as possible and keep a record of the submission. (b) Back Mileage should continue to be paid, and we will continue to address all outstanding Back Mileage issues until completed.

Chairs/Recliners: Chairs and Recliners have been ordered and the Carrier is just waiting on delivery. The chairs/recliners will be placed at Hoboken, NYPS, and Secaucus Terminal. Gladstone Sign Up location continually is being addressed by the Union. The Vice President of Rail will go to the Gladstone location and inspect himself. Him and I will follow up with his findings at our weekly meeting every Thursday.

Attendance: Members please be aware that attendance is mandated by a policy, and it's not contractual. Please be mindful that although the Union will always have a say in any changes to the policy, but the Carrier can change the policy at their own will.

Union Hall: We are currently using the Union Office located at 8 Wilson Ave 3rd fl Newark, N.J. 07060 for our monthly meetings until we find another location. In the capacity of Local President I formed an exploratory committee for relocation of the monthly meetings. Brother Ricky Forte, and sister Chanton Carlow (C.C.) are in charge of this committee.

Fare Refusal/Assaults/Unruly Passengers: Rule 1.1.8 Upon police

arrival, crewmembers must: 3. Disputes. ***If a passenger becomes unruly*** and does not heed your reasonable efforts, you should request that the Conductor attempt to resolve the situation. ***If the passenger does not follow the Conductor's instructions, police should be requested at the next terminal where they are normally on duty, such as Trenton, Newark Penn Station, Hoboken, Secaucus, or New York Penn Station (Amtrak Police), to avoid an unnecessary delay to the passengers. If this is not possible and there is an imminent threat to passengers or employees, police assistance should be requested as soon as possible.***

*Once the Conductor has made every effort to resolve the situation, then **only the Conductor** should notify the Dispatcher's office, either by cell phone, portable radio or via the Engineer, requesting police assistance. Either NJ Transit Police, Amtrak Police or local police will respond to the request. (a) **When NJ Transit Police responds, the passenger or passengers will be removed from the train.** If the passenger's conduct results in an arrest, you should be prepared to accompany the officer or when possible, return to the appropriate police headquarters to file a complaint. (b) If local police respond, the Conductor must be governed by the local police officer's decision. He or she is not required to act in accordance with NJ Transit policy. In addition, you should be prepared to accompany the local police or, when possible, return to their headquarters to file a complaint if necessary.*

4. Fare Refusal: Paragraph (f). *When **NJ Transit Police** officer responds, the passenger **will be** removed even if he or she offers to pay the fare in **the presence of the police officer.** If the passenger's conduct results in an arrest, you should be prepared to accompany the officer or, when possible, return to the appropriate police headquarters to file a complaint.*

TRO-12 Rule 4.4.30 Free Transportation for Authorized Personnel:

Honoring of employee passes of other railroads and Transit agencies for a courtesy ride is **prohibited** except as defined below in the event that cross honoring of other agency passes, NJ Transit employees will be notified by Transportation Supervision, the Train Dispatcher, or via Operations Communications.

The following passengers will be transported for free of charge: 1.

Police officers and firefighters in uniform for bus, rail, and light rail trips.

4. **Amtrak Investigators and non-uniformed police** for train transportation upon presentation of an Amtrak ID billfold. The billfold consists of badge, photo, and certification number. 5. Amtrak **uniformed** police for train transportation.

I've received several inquiries regarding this issue. Please read your TRO-12 in its entirety.

Conductor Empowerment: TRO-12 rule 5.1.14 paragraph 5 reads as follows. *If a passenger refuses to pay an on-board cash fare, step up, or surcharge when the Conductor determines it is appropriate to do so, the passenger should be asked to leave the train at the next available stop. If this request is not complied with, then a Police Officer should be summoned by contacting the Conductor who then communicates with the Dispatcher. There are several important issues, which must be understood when calling for a Police Officer to settle a fare dispute. **Employees should refer to Section 1.1.8, Police Request/Disputes, items 1 through 4 as written in the TRO-12. Please see above.***

Company Email: Members please make sure you sign up for your NJ Transit Company email. This is how you will receive your readout for work rendered. The Carrier will extend the use of the company email

once a member retires between 2-3 weeks.

Medical Facilities: The Hoboken Medical Facility will reopen once 2 Hudson Place is operational. The Union has requested the Carrier to add more off-site medical facilities especially for the Hoboken Division to replace the facilities that were shut down. We requested the use of Hackensack Meridian as a participating provider for off site medical facilities.

Brother and Sisters. Please remember there are cameras everywhere. Please do not jump short, the Carrier is focused on members leaving early or not showing up at all. Please be mindful and work appropriately.

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