

General Chairman Report

April 2023

- NY New Crew Facility. The new facility opened on Monday 4/3/23. The Union will continually work with the Carrier to resolve any issues regarding the facility. The facility adheres to the parameters of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- All members should have and currently are receiving cancellation notices for Attendance Policy issues from the year 2021. Please monitor your attendance. The Carrier has implemented a review of the Attendance Policy during the Annual Rules class by the Compliance Department. The review of the Attendance Policy by an outside vendor (consultant) has been put out for bid.
- MVD's. This repetitive, but important. We must use our MVD's. If any member is having an issue with their device, please report the issue to a Trainmaster immediately. The Carrier is currently working on correcting any/all issues with the device. Non usage makes the argument for adding ticket collectors to trains more daunting. We are working with the Carrier to address members having to both scan tickets and cancel them with the punch in front of the customer.
- Hoboken Crew Facility. The Vice President of Rail Operations has committed to putting some funds towards upgrading the facility and give it attention. I will follow up with him on a timeline.
- Members should fill out Penalty Timecards for violating Rule 14 Roster. Please go to our website utulocal60.com and our social media page and follow the template.
- I recent received a text message from a member that was extremely racist in content and tone. This will not be tolerated.

No member, union officer, which includes me, should be addressed in such a manner. I am the General Chairman of Smart-TD Local 60, not the General Coonman. I'm not here to grab anyone's shine box. We are here to protect the agreement, address concerns regarding NJ Transits policy and adhere to the Smart Constitution. I will seek all remedies afforded to me via the International President's Department.

- NJ Transit Human Resources selects the applicants for the ACTP program. The Union does not. The Union assist members that would like their family members and friends to join our craft. It's unfortunate that I must address this because of the negative rhetoric being spread by some of our members.
- Any member that received Hartford (supplemental sickness benefits), within the last 3 years should check and make sure they were paid properly. The Carrier is currently working with Hartford to repay claims that weren't paid at the proper rate. I met with the Benefits Department in Maplewood and with Labor Relations to address.
- Secaucus will remain open for members that still would like to utilize the facility while on a break less than 4 hours.
- Flag Assignments. There are multiple flag assignments on the property and on Amtrak that our members are responsible to protect the outside contractors performing work. Please follow all rules and regulations regarding flagging. The Carrier will be spot checking all flag sites. The Union has already been going to the flag sites talking to members of what we expect and address any concerns by our members. I would like to thank all the members working at Portal North Bridge and Hoboken Terminal for doing an outstanding job.
- Members whether performing service in Passenger Service or Non-Passenger service cannot use their personal electronic device

while working. This would include calling the Carrier regarding the service you are performing at that time. The Carrier will be buying a protective case for the MVD for the Utility/Yard members. The sled will be able to be removed for those performing Utility/Yard work. I will put a notification out to the members when this practice is established. (Sled Removal).

- A Penalty Claim will be submitted on behalf of all members that participated in the ACTP program from 1/1/19 through 12/31/22, that were docked a days, (1) pay for allegedly not completing the required trips on such day. Please email me at jeromejohnson@utulocal60.com. Please provide your name, employee number, and the date docked. Please add which instructor made you aware you compensation will be withheld.
- I have been selected by the International President to participate as one of the board members on an International Trial Board. The Board members consist of two Sheet Metal members and one Transportation Division member. This structure follows the guidelines of the Smart Constitution. The Board will convene on April 13th in Hartford Connecticut.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted.

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