



TWU LOCAL 100 NEWS

TA Surface

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TA Surface Express

TA Surface would like to thank you for your patience for putting up with these last elections.

The new administration has lots of work ahead of them, cleaning up the mess that was left behind. While the old administration had made it as difficult as they could to make this a smooth transition President Samuelsen will do everything possible to



bring back the Local to a steady and much needed change. The process of transitioning will be slow and tedious, but hopefully with time and the memberships support we can bring this Union back up and running smoothly.

The transition in TA Surface will be smoother due to the fact that some of the Officers were re-elected. Meetings will be

Division Officers

Vice-President Stephan Thomas
Recording Secretary Marcia Phinn-Olivier

Willie Rivera Divisional Chair
Whitfield Gibson 1st Vice Chair
Armando Serrano 2nd Vice Chair
David Smith 3rd Vice Chair

held with management to see what we can do to further ease our transition in support of or members.

As the administration gets situated more information will be available. Thanks again for your patience and support.

Cell Phone Usage is a Losing Battle



three strikes and you're out penalties. Management, as usual, is taking a harder line on cell phone usage than the law. Therefore, we must follow them closely.

The TA is using the unfortunate fatality of a pedestrian by a Staten Island bus operator, who had just returned to work after receiving a penalty for using a cell phone, to push their new rules. This incident has pushed the public to turn against us as well. Cell phone use while driving is dangerous. Cell phones distract and in some cases cause serious accidents that can subject our members to life changing results. All of us know this, yet so many of us do it anyway. If you have a cell phone, secure it in a

carryon bag or somewhere safe where it won't be visible.

A two second look at a text or message can result in harsh penalties, or worse, a serious accident. Who can afford the embarrassment of telling your loved ones that this practice resulted in a job loss or even a fatality?

We can use our cell phones at the end of the line when we are laying over. But when you do you must secure the bus and shut it off. Let's be careful out there. No one wants to argue in front of an arbitrator that driving a bus while talking on a cell phone is o.k. It's a losing battle, so why get yourself into a preventable jam?

Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund



This past week Haiti was hit with a devastating earthquake which caused catastrophic damage and many lost lives. Those that survived now have to deal with the dilemma of not having food, water, shelter or simple medical care.

We are asking for donations of at least \$10 dollars to this important cause. Your Depot representatives will have an alphabetical and will take in your donations. Though you can also donate non perishables, money is easier to send to the proper organizations that are organized for such emergencies.

do not know what has happened to them. Give them your support and your prayers in these most trying of times.

TWU Local 100 is heading up the cause to send assistance to Haiti and needs our members to donate as much as they can.

We have our own Union brothers and sisters who have families up in Haiti and who still

To get more information go to our Local web site at twulocal100.org or to tasurface insight at our facebook.com group's site.

Fighting to Stop Line Cuts

On January 11th the Division took to the streets along the B-37 route in Brooklyn to rally against line cuts that the MTA is threatening to implement in late June. Council Member Vincent Gentile of Bayridge and State Senator Golden held a press conference to argue against the MTA cuts and what affect it would have on our neighborhoods through these trying times. Gentile stated that "Our neighborhoods cannot withstand any cuts in service because most of our residents are senior citizens without any means of transportation. Our businesses would suffer tremendously and so would our residents."



Our fight against MTA waste and mismanagement continues and now with this impending doomsday budget forecasted in the future, our jobs will be

at stake as well. TA Surface will be vigilant and active to fight against these cuts from happening. Please do your part to communicate your concerns to your

elected officials in Albany, your families, and friends.

Organizing For The 2012 Contract

This last contract was a nightmare when it came to getting factual and precise information to our members. Not having the information or organizing the members for the contract fight made us look weak internally and publicly.

In these next three years TA Surface has to have a different approach in distributing information and organizing our troops for the next contract. We will take on this task in getting the word out personally and through other means as necessary. One of the means to provide you with up to date information is through the internet.



If you have internet access open an account with facebook.com and join our group at "tasurfaceinsight".

This site is updated on a daily basis by the Division. You can also express your concerns through this group.

Twulocal100.org is our local site for the Union which you can use for all your member needs and services as well. Take advantage of these sites and keep yourself informed.

We hope to see you soon on the road.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

2 Broadway

646-252-5549 or 646-252-2925

If you need to speak with someone about a hearing, a contract grievance, or disciplinary charges.

130 Livingston

718-694-4168 or 718-694-4212 For

general information and assistance, such as probationary issues, arrests, grievances, sick leave.

Local 100 Member Services

347-643-8061, 8062, 8064 If you have questions about medical benefits.

Local 100 Safety Hotline

888-898-6608 If you need to reach someone on weekends or at night, or for safety matters that need immediate attention.

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