



# Local 1342 Newsletter

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## From the President's Desk By: Jeff Richardson

### Upcoming Charter Union Meetings

August 11, 2021

September 8, 2021

October 13, 2021

November 10, 2021

December 8, 2021



All Charter Union  
Meetings are held at  
the Union Hall

**196 Orchard Park Rd.  
West Seneca NY**

**10:00 AM  
and  
7:30 PM**

Brothers and Sisters,

In the month of July, assaults at NFTA Metro have increased. Our ATU Brothers and Sisters continue to call the union office as well as my cell phone regarding various assaults against operators. You must report all assaults so these individuals can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Governor Cuomo's new legislation clarifies existing protections for transportation workers while adding new ones. Any form of forceful or violent physical contact against a worker on duty, including spitting on them, constitutes a Class -A Misdemeanor, punishable up to one year in prison.

The vast majority of assaults against transit workers are not fatal. Eighty-One percent (81%) of assaults against bus operators are verbal, sixty percent (60%) involve spitting at the worker, while two percent (2%) involve a weapon. Further, the most common assaults against transit workers are under reported.

I believe the Corona-virus Pandemic appears to have exacerbated the risk of assaults for transit operators, especially when it comes to enforcing mask mandates. Metro has made mask wearing a requirement for all riders, and while riders often comply, others don't, and those trying to enforce such mandates have faced conse-

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#### Union Newspaper

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quences.

Here are a couple reminders if your employee number has been called for random drug testing. Proceed directly to the tester. DO NOT stop at the restroom, DO NOT stop and conversate with other employees, DO NOT go to your locker. Any of these actions may result in a positive result.

All union members, please stay off your cell phone unless you are on a break. You cannot even display your phone.

I'm happy to announce that we were able to settle some potential grievances without going to arbi-

tration, which included members receiving back pay. We also saved members jobs that were facing termination.

Last but not least is mental health in the workplace. I never really understood the importance of dealing with union members facing so many challenges until I became union president. Here are some depression symptoms: Feeling very down or sad \* Feeling worried and empty \* Sleeping too much or too little \* Feeling tired or slowed down \* Changes in appetite or weight \* Having little or no interest or pleasure in your hobbies \* Having trouble concentrating \* Thinking about death or suicide \*

Feeling like you can't enjoy anything \* Forgetting things a lot \* Having trouble sleeping.

As a union family, I want to make sure that we have the help needed for our union members and their families. Please reach out to FHE Health, which is provided by the ATU, not NFTA Metro. Contact person is Janet Gehard 267-249-0513, tell her Jeff Richardson from Local 1342 recommended her. They have helped our union members as well as their family members.

Continue to enjoy your summer. Join me on Facebook Live, Thursday Nights at 7:00 PM.

**July 2021 Retirements**

Sharon Chillis	South Park Station
Daniel Garvin	Shops
Marlon Keith	Cold Spring Station
Barbara Lee	Cold Spring Station

**Deceased Members**

John Matte Sr.	7/14/2021
Tracy Smith	7/11/2021
Rita Verso	7/14/2021



## A Message From Ron Giza Financial Secretary/Treasurer



I hope you are making the best of this summer, it being the 3rd wettest in history. Before you know it, September will be here and we are back to school (maybe).

For those who did not attend the last Union meeting, I wanted to give you an update on a donation we voted on. Our Local, you the members stepped up gave a \$5,000.00 donation to our fellow ATU Members of Local 265 in San Jose California. We had the honor of having our President attend a memorial service for the

eight Brothers and Sister that were senselessly killed by a co-worker.

I will echo Jeff's words that are in his newsletter about mental health. Mental health problems have hopefully gotten the much-needed attention with the issues brought to light in these Olympic Games. Please be active. If one hurts, we all hurt. See something say something.

Financially things are running smoothly. Our yearly audit has wrapped up and I don't have any official

word on it but we expect another clean report like last year. I will let you know the official out come in next month's newsletter.

As always, I will end my letter by thanking our Office Administrator Sue, Executive Board and Stewards for their hard work, but most importantly you, the members, because without YOU there is no US.

Try to enjoy the rest of the summer.

Remember "A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work"

### August 2021 Retirements

Ruthetta Alford	South Park Station
Harold Becker	Frontier Station
Andrew Korman	Frontier Station
Michael Kozak	South Park Station
Jonathan Kraft	Frontier Garage
Stanley Kusnizj	Babcock Station
Wayme Malczewski	Metrolink
Jack Santa-Maria	Frontier Station

## ***Metro July Anniversaries***

Abid, Lydia	4	Enright, Brian	3	Miles, Waymon	15	Shepard, Roy	19
Aigner, Cheryl	10	Gerard, John	35	Mingo, Eric	17	Skulski, Norman	14
Andrzejewski, Maria	10	Gibson, Charles	14	Moye, Laquesha	11	Stanchfield, Dean	10
Andrzejewski, Thomas	8	Guthrie, Kenneth	9	Mustofa, MD	1	Sterling, June	2
Atkinson, Niama	7	Hemphill, John	15	Nichols, Thomas	34	Tanner, Daniel	4
Badura, Wade	15	Hurd, Lewis	8	Obe, Richard	4	Tewey, Erik	2
Bandinelli, Brian	12	Jarvis, Michael	13	O'Connell, Jason	18	Torrence, Marsadea	4
Barbary, Charlene	22	Jenkins, Eugene	20	Oehler, William	8	Torres, Theodore	14
Barnes, Dalvenia	9	Jones, Lashonda	8	Patton, Nicole	15	Wagner, Charles	9
Birdsong, Eliot	17	Keane, Terence	2	Payne, Nathan	2	Wagner, Melissa	13
Brown, Dwight	14	Kieffer, Alan	21	Penson, Charlene	21	Warren, Denise	14
Bruenn, Briana	3	Lewis, Washington	23	Pope, Carolyn	10	Washington, Clifford	10
Cason, Tremain	22	Lindsay, Daniel	20	Ransom-Perry, Clarissa	11	Williams, Germaine	2
Conrad, John	20	Mack, Jeffrey	21	Redman, Benjamin	3	Woodard, Diane	21
Cooper, Mary	2	Marshall, David	4	Richards, Brandon	2	Woods, Leroy	13
Cosgrove, Bruce	30	Marshall, Glenn	4	Richardson, Meya	21	Workman, David	34
Craion, Elonda	5	McCutcheon, Clarence	2	Rivera, Ricardo	13	Yanicki, Melissa	15
Crosby, Tywanda	18	McGrath, Bernard	2	Schnettler, Gregory	13	Young, Rachael	11
Early, Michael	2	Mellerson, Lacresha	20	Schoenle, James	14		

## ***Happy July Birthday***

Andrzejewski, Kevin	Fabry, Peter	Lewis, Paula	Reddick, William
Andrzejewski, Maria	Fajemisin, Reniya	Lockett, Michael	Reed, David
Bellamy, Rodney	Farr, Anthony	Maple, Willie	Richards, Brandon
Benefield, Aisa	Frank, Kathryn	Maple, Kevin	Routhier, Michael
Benton, Vincent	Garwol, Shirley	Marshall, David	Sanders, Lavell
Bigaj, Steven	Gerviss, Philip	McCooy, Gary	Sands, James
Bonnas, Christopher	Gleen, Nathian	Mellerson, Lacresha	Santa Maria, Jack
Bruno, Leandro	Gray, Michael	Messenger, Alexander	Schultz, Alex
Butler, Denise	Guagliano, David	Mills, Thomas	Scott, Gerard
Cardamone, Gary	Harris, Gregory	Minchen, Christina	Seiler, James
Chambers, Stephen	Hennegan, Ronald	Mitchell, Damien	Shamburger, Gene
Ciesla, Diane	Hernandez, Jomar	Moore, Kenneth	Smith, Eric
Clark, Jenay	Hoisington, Anthony	Murphy, Lamont	Smith, Michael
Coleman, Antonia	Humes, David	Nelson, Thomas	Stein, Franklin
Coleman, Chalise	Jakubowicz, Noah	Nichols, Thomas	Sterner, Michael
Dean, Tammy	Jarvis, Michael	Nieves, Bernardo	Stroh, Austin
Delzer, Nicholas	Keane, Peter	Obe, Richard	Sweeney, Margaret
Dichiara, Vincent	Kieffer, Alan	Parks, Martrice	Terpstra, Doekele
Dobbs, Jason	Kolb, James	Parrett, Fatima	Tirado, Michael
Druzvik, Darren	Kotowski, Frank	Payne, Nathan	Townsend, Kevin
Dyachuk, Vladimir	Kumrow, Jonathan	Pelletier, Erich	Wielbon, Jerry
Esford, Ryan	Lanier, Rickey	Ramos, Jessica	Winters, Robert

# *Metro August Anniversaries*

Banister, Timothy	4	Hundley, Jerome	27	Pontrello, Joseph	10
Bates, Jeffrey	7	Jaeckle, Gordon	5	Purdue, Gary	5
Beckwith, Gregory	8	Johnson, Jeremiah	3	Rivera, George	18
Beutel, Luke	2	Jones, Samuel	16	Rolon, Gemark	14
Bigaj, Steven	13	Keith, Marlon	20	Sampman, Samuel	5
Bishop, Leonard	12	Lawrence, Calvin	10	Sanders, Lavell	3
Borden, Christian	8	Lewis, Shirley	20	Sargent, Mark	17
Boyd, Jason	3	London, Takesha	10	Scarano, Richard	25
Carter, Shawn	14	Lucas, Dalton	5	Smith, Kimberly	12
Cason, Michael	18	McKinney, Jennifer	6	Swain, Eddie	5
Chappell, Baron	5	Medero, Jose	8	Szeluga, Gregory	5
Clarke, Kevin	10	Mencia, Rafael	6	Tavarez, Sabrina	3
Dierolf, Mark	10	Montanez, Estella	14	Taylor, Tracy	14
Druzvik, Darren	14	Moss, Jeffrey	12	Thomas, Qiturah	3
Dudziak, John	17	Musgrove, Henry	7	Tillis, Lavar	5
Elliot-Albright, Marc	3	Nichols, John	5	Trietley, Kevin	24
Evans, Demetrius	16	Noworyta, Paul	4	Walczak, Brad	20
Everett, John	21	Parylo, Joseph	3	Walker, John	5
Harris, Tito	22	Patterson, Demettrius	5	Wallace, Jasmine	3
Heft, Edward	16	Pease, Kenneth	3	Ware, Terrance	20
Hess, Paul	3	Pieszala, Eric	11	Williams, Ramona	5
Hoffarth, Lucas	10	Pinto, Michael	1	Zipp, David	11
Holt, Michael	14	Pollutro, Jerome	21		



# Happy August Birthday

Armbruster, Clayton

Bauer, Mark

Beal, Keith

Beal, Vernon

Becker, Scott

Beckwith, Gregory

Berry, Michael

Biniszkiewicz, Stephen

Bones, Deborah

Boykin, Charles

Brown, Clifton

Carter, Shawn

Curry, Gwendolyn

Daniels, Javan

Daniels, Ronald

Data, Julian

Davis, Doreen

Doctor, Tonyia

Duckworth, Glenn

Dudziak, John

Duffin, Dawn

Eagen, Thomas

Esford, Robert

Gauss, Jeffrey

Griffin, Willie

Heard, Tahje

Henry, George

Holliday, Antwion

Holt, Michael

Horton, Michael

Jenkins, Eugene

Johnson, Jeremiah

Johnson, Kenneth

Kanalley, Brian

Kennedy, Alzo

Lewis, Shirley

Lipman, Ivy

Mack, Kareemah

Mazurowski, Andrew

McGrath, Bernard

McKnight, Richard

Middlebrooks, Richard

Moore, Bruce

Moriarity, Timothy

Morris, Paul

Mule, Frank

Norman, Larry

Noworyta, Paul

O'Connor, Martin

Overton, Raymond

Parker, Kenya

Pawlowski, Kevin

Pinkard, Bridgette

Price, Barbara

Putney, Andrew

Reid, Sheila

Revere, Reginald

Riehle, Brian

Rivera, George

Rivera, Ricardo

Schanbacher, Mark

Schoenle, James

Sebastian, John

Shanley, David

Shepard, Roy

Skea, Miriam

Skulski, Norman

Smith, Carla

Sosnowski, Michael

Spencer, Clyde

Sterling, June

Steward, Angel

Taylor Jr, Gregory

Terry, Kevin

Tirado, Jose

Torres, Juan

Webster, Etienne

Wiltsey, Benjamin

Wrobel, Michael

