

TWU Local 556 Safety Team

Michael Massoni – 1st VP and National Safety/Security Coordinator

...The mission of the Unions Safety Team is to provide **Union Leadership** in all issues of health & safety; **Technical Counsel** to the TWU Executive Board; **Representation** to our Membership; **Stewardship** within our Company, Industry, its regulatory bodies and most importantly, **facilitate Effective Communications** between all...

To: TWU Local 556, Executive Board
CC: Cuyler Thompson, Recording Secretary
Date: March 12, 2010
Re: March 2010 EB Safety Team Report

Currently the Safety Team has the following open and/or resolved action items:

Aviation Safety & Health Data Base (ASHDI) – Reports Under Review = **1**

<u>Report</u>	<u>Acceptance Deadline</u>
ASHDI 1711 (AVIATION SAFETY/SECURITY)	Wed 4/21/2010

ASHDI Incident Reports received to date:

All Sponsor Unions / TWU = **3985+ / 266**

- Accepted Reports to date (TWU) = **182**
 - See Attached Detail
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Southwest Airlines Event Notification System (ENS)

Fielded Events for Period:

- 02/15/10 through 03/12/10 = **94**
 - Emergencies Declared = **15**
 - All OF 2010 to Date = **198**
 - ALL OF 2009 = **1210**
 - ALL OF 2008 = **940**
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- **The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) held a public meeting on March 4th, 2010 titled: OSHA Listens** to solicit comments and suggestions from stakeholders on key issues facing the agency. In particular, the agency invited input on the following:

1. What can the agency do to enhance and encourage the efforts of employers, workers and unions to identify and address workplace hazards?
2. What is the most important emerging or unaddressed health and safety issues in the workplace, and what can OSHA do to address these?
3. How can the agency improve its efforts to engage stakeholders in programs and initiatives?
4. What specific actions can the agency take to enhance the voice of workers in the workplace, particularly workers who are hard to reach, do not have ready access to information about hazards or their rights, or are afraid to exercise their rights?
5. Are there additional measures to improve the effectiveness of the agency's current compliance assistance efforts and the onsite consultation program, to ensure that small businesses have the information needed to provide safe workplaces?
6. Given the length and difficulty of the current OSHA rulemaking process, and given the need for new standards that will protect workers from unaddressed, inadequately addressed and emerging hazards, are there policies and procedures that will decrease the time to issue final standards so that OSHA may implement needed protections in a timely manner?
7. As we continue to progress through a new information age vastly different from the environment in which OSHA was created, what new mechanisms or tools can the agency use to more effectively reach high risk employees and employers with training, education and outreach? What is OSHA doing now that may no longer be necessary?
8. Are there indicators, other than worksite injuries and illness logs that OSHA can use to enhance resource targeting?
9. In the late 1980s, OSHA and its stakeholders worked together to update the Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) (exposure limits for hazardous substances; most adopted in 1971), but the effort was unsuccessful. Should updating the PELs be a priority for the agency? Are there suggestions for ways to update the PELs, or other ways to control workplace chemical exposures?

TWU was represented by Jonathan Levin, TWU Legislative Representative who worked in conjunction with TWU Legislative Director, Portia White and TWU Local 556 1st Vice President and National Safety/Security Coordinator, Michael Massoni on bringing forth issues concerning those covered under OSHA within TWU and the ongoing fight for OSHA protections for Flight Attendants. Additionally, public comments concerning the same will be prepared by the TWU Department of Legislative and Political Affairs in conjunction with the TWU Local 556 Safety Team for submission under Docket OSHA 2010-0004, on or before the deadline of March 30th, 2010.

- TWU Local 556 1st Vice President and National Safety/Security Coordinator, Michael Massoni and President Thom McDaniel met with Vice President of Inflight Services and Provisioning, Mike Hafner concerning **the Southwest Airlines Flight Attendant Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP)** and a Letter of Agreement (Side Letter to the Contract) between TWU Local 556 and Southwest Airlines Co. that will be executed in conjunction with the ASAP MOU. This Side Letter will clarify and codify the intent and scope of Southwest Airlines Flight Attendant ASAP as it pertains to Sharing of Information; ASAP and Discipline; as well as Conversations or Interviews conducted through ASAP. A draft of the Side Letter is available for Executive Board review.

- **The TWU Local 556 Safety Team will be training two additional Go Team Members** as additions to our accident investigation group. Training of these two individuals will be completed by September via attending courses at either the Southern California Safety Institute or the NTSB Academy. Michele Moore, TWU Local 556 National Health Coordinator has already been selected to fill one of the two open positions with the other recommendation to be made at this (March) Executive Board Meeting by TWU Local 556 1st Vice President and National Safety/Security Coordinator, Michael Massoni.
- **The annual Southern California Safety Institute (SCSI) International Cabin Safety Symposium** is being held April 27th-29th, 2010 in Orlando, FL. The TWU Local 556 Safety Team will be sending 2 delegates to this leading International Cabin Safety & Training conference. SCSI is merging its Annual International Aircraft Cabin Safety Symposium with the WATS Cabin Training conference, a real one plus one equals three for the Cabin Crew communities of the United States and the World. The TWU Local 556 Safety Team will be submitting Delegate recommendations to the Executive Board for approval in this (March) EB Meeting.
- TWU Local 556 1st Vice President and National Safety/Security Coordinator, Michael Massoni will be attending the annual meeting of the **Global Cabin Air Quality Executive (GCAQE)** on behalf of Transport Workers Union of America (International) at the request of International President Jim Little. This year's meeting of the GCAQE will take place the week of April 26th, 2010 in London, UK. All expenses associated with this GCAQE meeting are being underwritten by TWU International.

SCHEDULED AND STANDING MEETINGS:

- **Monday March 18th, 2010** – Health & Safety Coordination (HASC) with Inflight Safety and Regulatory Standards
- International Health and Safety Task Force - **Wednesday April 7th, 2010 @ 0930EST** (Meeting) in NYC
- **Tuesday March 16th, 2010** - RTCA SC221/Secondary Barrier Systems for Flight Deck Security in Washington, DC (VIA Teleconference)