



## **LOCAL 1-2 UPDATE**

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**7/1/12**

### **TWO DATES THAT WILL MARK LOCAL 1-2 FOREVER, LET US BUILD ON THE UNITY OF THOSE DARK DAYS**

Brothers and Sisters, Earlier this week we marked the grim anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks on our country, a day that saw more than 3,000 of you rush to restore power to a stricken City. Because of your actions as first responders, the world financial markets were up and running in record time and the world realized, once again, that Americans will not be beaten by cowardly acts. **And because of your dedication and fearlessness at Ground Zero, many of you now qualify for compensation under the Zadroga Act. This week saw more than 50 cancers added to the list of covered conditions.** It is the very least a grateful nation can provide to you and your families.

Just as September 11 will be forever etched in our national psyche, July 1, 2012 should never be forgotten by Local 1-2. **While these two dates are in no way comparable in their tragic dimensions, to remain strong we must remember them both.** The heroism shown by the Men and Women of Local 1-2 in the wake of September 11 can never be recognized enough. The strength and unity shown by the Men and Women of Local 1-2 in July 2012 should never be forgotten. Your actions surprised Con Edison, and Con Ed's own actions left a lingering bad taste that may never go away.

The Big Lesson we hope everyone has learned from the Lockout is that the **Boss is Not Your Friend.** They never are. So, if you have trouble on the job, call a timeout. Don't leave a yard without a full check of your vehicle. **If you want to prevail in 2016, these are the things to do. Work to the contract and stop the Bosses in their tracks. This is the way to beat them at their own "Rules We Live By" game.** And please, if they give you a t-shirt or other gear with their free advertising logo on it, leave those at the job. Why help them advertise when they would just as soon throw you back on the street?

We have a new CBA and the **time to get ready for 2016 began the day the current agreement was ratified.** One way to prepare is to show your unity. And the way to show your unity is to attend every Membership meeting **beginning with the upcoming meeting on September 27.** We don't want to slip back to the time when some had the attitude of 'Let the Other Guy Do It.' As we found out in July, if each and every one of us isn't doing it, Con Ed and all our other employers will take notice and they'll cut us off at the knees. **Apathy is lethal.**

July 2012 was a frustrating time for all of us. The uncertainty, the fear, the what ifs that came to us all proved - if it ever needed proving - that it was the Unity of Local 1-2 that impressed the City, the State and the Country. Some of our Brothers and Sisters try to sow dissent. Not because they have better ideas, or because they are dedicated to your welfare, but just because nothing will ever be good enough. However, we remained united and we made history. **Please let's not have this Unity go to waste by a return to apathy and disengagement that we all know lurks everywhere.**

On September 27, we urge you to come to the Membership Meeting where, as enshrined in the Local's By-Laws, you will have a secret ballot on the direct operation of your Local. **If you want a vigorous, informed conversation, get active, get involved and support your Union.**

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