

RED TALES

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Traveling At Christmas Time – The CEO of Delta Air Lines, Richard Anderson traveled to MSP last week on his way home from Steamboat Springs. We don't actually pay attention to the travel plans of Anderson, but this fact was brought to our attention by an ESE who worked that flight.

As you may know, the MSP ramp was similar to a battle zone last week due to lack of staffing and weather conditions. In fact several times over the holidays things simply melted down.

As Anderson's flight rolled into the gate, several ESEs noticed a manager appear. He told them to make sure the CEO's bag was first to be delivered onto the carousel in baggage claim. We appreciate the fact that this manager wanted to make sure his boss got first class treatment. The problem is, while Anderson got priority treatment other passengers experienced long waits to get aircraft parked and get their bags delivered to the claim area.

Weeks earlier a similar incident happened. A Priority Pet runner met a flight with 2 dogs on it. One of the dogs belonged to Richard Anderson. This brought 4 managers to the bottom of the belt loader to make sure the dog was handled properly, a far cry from the normal procedure. Needless to say the dog made its connection.

NMB Rule Change – The period for public comment on the proposed rule change ended on January 4. The NMB will now review the comments for 30 days until February 4. They will then take up to 30 days to make a decision. The latest date they could make a decision would be March 8. Comments continue to run heavily in favor of the change, a ratio of approximately 70 to 1. Change is in the wind.

Blood Drive – The IAM, AFA and Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive in the Building C Parking Lot on Tuesday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 13 from 12 Noon to 5PM. Go to www4.givebloodgivelife.org. Then go to the right hand column and select "Donate Blood". Type in zip code 55450, find the event and register. You may also donate without registering.

Polar Plunge – Don't forget February 27 at Crystal Lake, 2:30PM. Even if you don't jump, you can give or you can show up to support. We will be at the Apple Valley Legion before and after. Call us for info.

TSA – TSA employees will be holding a press conference on Monday, January 11 at 1:30PM to build support for their right to unionize. The event will be held on the Mezzanine Level of the Main Terminal on the non secure side. Please attend if you are not working.