

RED TALES

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Rumor Has It – On 2-16-10 the deltanet regular feature, Rumor Has It, attempted to address fears of MSP ticket agents and rampers that their work would be lost to outsourcing, as regional aircraft move to more gates on the C/D Concourse.

The deltanet answer has incorrect information. Delta says mainline employees work gates C-1 through C-13. Mainline employees work only up to C-10. Only last year mainline employees worked up to C-17. These are now regional gates. Deltanet also says that Vice President Bill Lentsch came up with the idea to have mainline employees work Compass Airlines aircraft. We appreciate Lentsch's work to maintain employment levels but this work was assigned to mainline workers as the result of discussions between IAM District 143 and then Vice President, Crystal Knotek.

Deltanet also says there are “no plans for a major change in that (MSP) market.” We don't know if this is true. However, we know that without a union the evidence from staffing at pre merger Delta stations shows no benefit. Ready Reserve status will be used in MSP to a large extent. We also know that without a union there is no possibility of fighting job loss through outsourcing.

Simulator Technician Election – On Thursday, February 25 the results of the union representation election for simulator technicians will be announced by the National Mediation Board at 1PM CST. We will distribute the election results that afternoon.

IPG – Starting this week, when you are injured on the job you will be interviewed by a manager upon your return to work. This is part of the Injury Prevention Group program. The interview will consist of questions about how the injury could have been avoided. We recommend you bring a steward with you.

ESIS – When you are injured on the job, an outside third party administrator, ESIS, will send you a form requesting you allow them access to all your medical files. We strongly recommend you don't sign this form unless you block out the sentence allowing release of all information. Instead you should write in a substitute sentence allowing release of medical files for the injury or same or similar injuries. Then return the form.

Polar Bear Plunge – Come watch your coworkers do something crazy for a good cause. Thirty three of them will jump into Crystal Lake in Burnsville at 2PM this Saturday, February 27 to benefit the Special Olympics.