

RED TALES

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(612-726-2230) Newsletter of the MSP ESSC Shop Committee (612-201-0383)

Staffing – We have received many complaints about Delta's staffing model in MSP. Currently units are staffed with 5 ESEs and 1 lead. This means that leads are counted as 100% part of the compliment. To assure on time departures and to make sure that all flights have enough personnel the lead must assign themselves to a flight each bank. When ALA duties are added on, leads and their crews are stretched to the limit.

While Delta encourages Leads, who are functioning as ALAs, to call in their loads to Load Control many leads are not comfortable with this practice. Leads who have contacted the Shop Committee feel that anything short of Leads entering their own loads in ALIS compromises safety. The more people involved in finalizing a load and passing on critical load information verbally, the more likelihood of errors. Many Leads require AICs to give them written load information before they enter it. This ensures the greatest accuracy.

If you are a Lead on a unit, be sure you are comfortable with the accuracy of the load entry process. Be sure you allow enough time to finalize your load.

Union Meeting – Thursday, May 27 at 11:15PM at the Bloomington Eagles Club.

Union Officer Elections – Elections for IAM District 143 President, Secretary Treasurer, Trustee, Upper Midwest Vice President, ESE Hub Negotiator, Stores Negotiator and 5 General Chair Positions will be held in MSP on Thursday, June 10 from 7AM to 11:59PM.

No matter who you vote for we need to have a large turnout so that Delta understands that our membership is engaged and ready for our representation vote. The candidates you elect will help negotiate our first contract with Delta Air Lines.

Union Picnic – Saturday, June 19 from 10AM to 9PM at Johnny Cake Ridge Park in Apple Valley. Lots of food, drink, games, fun. Free water park admission for IAM members and their families and PMDL employees and their families. Special hotel room rate for picnic attendees at the Ramada MOA. Call 952-854-3411 for reservations. Use code CGIAMP for room rate. Transportation available from Ramada to Picnic. We need volunteers for grilling, staffing registration tables, games and food tables. Call Pat Sullivan for details at 952-854-6313.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Bloomington Eagles Club on June 2 from 10AM to 4PM. Call Pat Sullivan for details at 952-854-6313.