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0008 Monthly Report

The Health of Solidarity

Brothers and sisters, Union solidarity is the cornerstone of workers' strength, built on the principle that collective action amplifies individual voices. This unity empowers workers to negotiate better wages, improved conditions, and fair benefits. Solidarity means that when one worker faces injustice, the entire union stands together to support them, reinforcing collective bargaining power.

Unfortunately, the number of members turning in their brothers and sisters to management seems to be increasing. Multiple rudiis and safety complaints have come in calling out specific members; by name, clock number, license plate, job title, etc. While we are glad to go have conversations about safe practices with our brothers and sisters the point of these programs is not to call out each other. When another member is need of assistance we should be there to help. Like wise, if you see a member struggling, offer to help. We should all do what we can to raise each other up.

When members rat on members it creates a distrust and animosity across the shop. These feelings promote individualism and make cracks in the foundation of our solidarity. As we enter into a contract year we need to show strength in unity and that we will stand strong together to fight for our rights; because when we fight, we win!

"If we don't have each other, we don't have anything." - Sodapop Curtis, *The Outsiders*.



Slow Your Roll

Stop lights, speed limit signs, stop signs; all traffic controls that we observe every day. Yet it seems as that our remote location brings out the heavy foot and blind eye in many of us. Traffic controls at Pratt should be treated no differently than those encountered anywhere else on the road. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) 28% of fatal crashes, 12% of injury crashes, and 8% of property damage related crashes were all speeding related, in 2022. As we enter the colder seasons we can expect less light and inclement weather to also become factors leading to accidents.



No one wants to have to go through the pain of having a vehicle repaired, dealing with insurance, recovering from an injury, or worse. Whether it is the short time spent on campus or the drive once you pass through the gate, slow down and observe all traffic controls to keep yourself and everyone else safe on the road.

Cleaning isn't just for Spring!

Take a moment to look around your area. Looking a little less than fresh? Floor or machine dirty? In my travels around the shop a common complaint I have heard is about general cleanliness. In the company's efforts to cut costs, the regularly scheduled cleanings they used to do on the floor has been eliminated.

If you now wish to have your area cleaned please submit a PMR to site facilities > housekeeping. Someone will come out to clean the area as soon as possible.

To learn more about the I.A.M.A.W. Safety and Health click on the link [Safety and Health - IAMAW \(goiam.org\)](http://goiam.org)

To view the full Monthly EHS report, go to iam700.org click on [Environmental Health & Safety – CANEL Lodge 700 \(iam700.org\)](http://iam700.org)

Respectively submitted Chief Union Safety Representative Mike Lamoureux.



Want to make your workplace safer?

Have good problem solving skills?

Do you care about your health and the health of your coworkers?

Ever consider becoming a Union Health and Safety Representative?

Currently seeking representative for first and second shift. Getting representation from PDC/ SEV/ F&S would be great but all interested are welcome to inquire. If interested reach out to a Union Health and Safety Rep, Steward, or to Mike Lamoureux directly.

Lets help each other stay healthy and safe!

July Ridii Winners:

Jonathan Hemsley

Jan Ramenda

Erik Olsen

Dylan Lamo

Vanessa Tate

Maritza Lorenzo

Dillon Silkey

Christine Geldart



August Ridii Winners:

Dale Twigg

Christopher Mountain

Christopher Keller

Eric Makuck

Austin Derungs-West

Nimesh Panchal

Thomas Cristaldi

Arthur Nigro