

September 2009 President Report

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August is already passed. There's still a lot going on. The Greenwood organization is offering another ZIPP/VSP offer and the Christina Coon organization is offering a show of interest only at this point. We also have a Data Specialist in the IT organization that was just surplus. I have asked the AVP's to tell your outside techs to be careful because in the Greenwood organization there is quite a bit of accidents going on, weather its the techs fault or not. The discipline is getting to be very hard. Sometime it looks like the punishment is in accordance to the damage of the vehicles involved. From that point the company has been going back and checking GPS for the last 30-days and that's being proven to be even more trouble if they are not keeping a daily log. There is to be a settlement on the grievance filed on home garaging by the end of the month of September. This is the latest news from District 7 as of Thursday 8-27-2009.

Health Care Reform and the Employee Free Choice Act are the top two campaigns right now. Please attend any of the town hall meetings that are in your area and voice your feelings on these topics. It's really hard to realize that we lost a true supporter with the death of Ted Kennedy. It means we have to fight even harder because we are now having one less vote in the Senate.

AT&T Legacy T and CWA have reached a tentative agreement that they will be voting on. It will be presented to the local presidents this week in Baltimore, MD on Wednesday September 2, 2009. The bargaining team unanimously supports this agreement and recommends its ratification by the membership. We have some members of AT&T Legacy T. I will be sending the information to those members to vote on, also anyone that wants to see the tentative agreement can go line to www.cwa-comtech.org then clicks on CWA Communications and Technologies and then click on "Final Legacy T Bargaining Report".

We notified by the company and District they are doing OJA on the SDC job title during September and October. I have asked several managers how they are selecting the members that will be interviewed during this process and have gotten some response. It's important that we let the members that are being interviewed know that they need to put down all jobs functions they do, regardless of how much time they do them. It was bad news when the Data Specialist was upgraded to Information Specialists last year and after the results came back from the company, they downgraded them back to Data Specialist this year.

Avaya has sent a Notification of VTP. The time frame is August 27, 2009 thru September 25, 2009. Global Support Services (GSS) is offering a Voluntary Termination Pay (VTP) Offer on August 27, 2009 in multiple GCA for the titles of Senior Technician and Senior Software Associate. The last day on payroll is September 29, 2009. A VTP will also be offered on August 27, 2009 in GSA 825 for the titles of Systems Application Specialist and Systems Support Specialist. The last day on payroll is September 29, 2009. Members affected have been notified. For anyone that wants to know the details, you can go on the website. WWW.CWA-Comtech.org, then go to CWA Communications and Technologies, then to Avaya VTP Offers.

We are working with MV Transportation in Redmond on some issues the members are having. We had our first informational membership meeting on 8-29-2009.