



## TEAMSTERS LOCAL 700

1300 W. Higgins Road  
Suite 301  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
(847) 939-9700 office  
(847) 518-6495 fax  
teamsterslocal700.com

VISIT THE NEW MASTER  
SERGEANTS WEBSITE  
to stay informed of  
Local 700's activities  
and to see photos of fellow  
Master Sergeants.

ISP700.com

JOHN T. COLI  
Trustee

WILLIAM P. LOGAN  
Assistant Trustee

BECKY STRZECHOWSKI  
Assistant Trustee

# TEAMSTERS LOCAL 700

FIGHTING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

## ISP Master Sergeants NEWSLETTER

December 2011

### Arbitration Continues for Master Sergeants as Department Refuses to Comply

An arbitration hearing took place on Sept. 12 on behalf of Illinois State Police Master Sergeants. Well-prepared Local 700 representatives showed countless instances in which Master Sergeant positions were not refilled, or filled with members of other bargaining units.

“When our members are overworked – or worse, when jobs are taken away from them – it’s a major cause for concern,” said John T. Coli, Local 700 Trustee. “The ISP was under-prepared and I’m not surprised. How do you logically explain why there are only 265 Master Sergeants employed when there should be 340? You just can’t.”

Local 700 representatives found that the ISP is systematically removing Master Sergeant positions in a variety of ways.

Often, when a Master Sergeant retires or is promoted, the ISP does not fill it. When Master Sergeants are put into Acting Lieutenant positions, they are often asked to continue their Master Sergeant duties on top of new duties. Other times, Master Sergeants are told to supervise troopers in different locations that are hours away.

“The ISP is clearly trying to make it hard for current Master Sergeants to do their jobs,” said William P. Logan, Local 700 Assistant Trustee. “It’s not only morally wrong, it’s against the contract and we will do everything in our power to put a stop to it.”

The deadline for closing briefs was extended from Oct. 31 after the ISP needed an extension.

Now that all briefs are filed, the arbitrator can review them and make a decision.

The ISP continues to admittedly  
*See ARBITRATION, Page 2*

**“The ISP is clearly trying to make it hard for Master Sergeants to do their jobs. It’s not only morally wrong, it’s against the contract...”**

— William P. Logan, Local 700  
Assistant Trustee

## **ARBITRATION**, *continued from Page 1*

violate the collective bargaining agreement by eliminating positions.

The union will continue to fight this and consider further legal action.

### **Local 700 Holds Monthly Membership Meeting**

More than 125 eager Teamsters Local 700 members packed the auditorium at Teamster City in Chicago for a membership meeting on Nov. 8.

“This was an outstanding turnout for our first of many regular monthly membership meetings,” said Logan.

“Not only were members willing to take a few hours out of their evening to join us, they were also engaged and interested in the union business.”

Logan gave updates on several issues including the City of Chicago and Cook County budgets, City of Chicago recycling program, Illinois Tollway contract, Forest Preserve contract, Cook County Clerks’ retroactive payments and Department of Corrections retroactive paychecks.

“I enjoyed walking our members through the finances of this still very new local,” said Becky Strzechowski, Local 700 Assistant Trustee. “We are proud of the fact that in just over a year, we have greatly reduced the number of liabilities inherited by Locals 714 and 726.”

Joint Council 25 Political Director Mike Ciaccio spoke briefly on the efforts of Chicago Teamsters to promote fair legislation and discourage anti-union bills and laws. Several business agents gave reports on the City of Chicago, Cook County and different municipalities.

Logan also introduced the newly elected executive board, who will be seated in January:

William P. Logan - President  
Becky Strzechowski – Secretary-Treasurer  
Michael G. Melone – Recording Secretary  
Vincent F. Tenuto Jr. – Vice President  
Billie J. Ammons – Trustee  
Hector Hernandez – Trustee  
Gerald N. Sims Jr. – Trustee

The next all-member meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the meeting hall at 1300 W. Higgins Road in Park Ridge.

### **Members Must Request Withdrawal Status When Leaving Job for Any Reason**

If you are leaving your place of work for any reason, notify Local 700 and request withdrawal status.

Failure to do so could result in extra fees. To request withdrawal status, call (847) 939-9700 or ask your business agent.

### **Apply Now for 2012-2013 James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarships**

Applications are now available for the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year.

Children and grandchildren of active and retired Teamsters who are in their last year of high school are eligible. Applications can be found at [TeamstersLocal700.com](http://TeamstersLocal700.com) under “forms.”

“This scholarship program allows young adults the opportunity to further enrich their education,” said John T. Coli, Local 700 Trustee. “We are so proud of this program and the outstanding students it recognizes.”

Completed applications must be returned to Teamsters Local 700 for membership verification, and then the local union will forward the applications to the scholarship fund office. Applicants must have their completed application in to Local 700 by March 12, 2012.

### **Emergency Hotline Keeps Members in Touch with Local 700 During Crises**

In an effort to stay available to members 24 hours per day, Local 700 is providing members with an emergency phone number.

Members can call (866) 975-2085 to speak with someone during critical incidents and emergencies.

### **Members Encouraged to Keep Contact Information Current**

If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or changed any other relevant contact information, please be sure to notify Local 700.