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Transportation

We continue to work on a better solution to the current transportation issue between airports in New York. We realize that it is becoming increasingly costly to travel between all three airports, even using public transportation. We are working with the APFA scheduling department and American Airlines scheduling to consider options that would benefit the F/A's of the New York station. Please be patient and know that this is our number one priority at the moment.

Article 9.p. Misconnect, Illegality and Cancellation

As winter weather approaches and we begin to see off schedule operation, please be sure to be familiar with Article 9.p. Both the 2001 CBA and the On Duty Contract Guide (page 20-23) detail responsibilities for F/A's who have or are having a MIC at sequence origination or mid-sequence.

F/A waiver of maximum on duty limitations for earlier DHD

You must contact crew schedule to be released if you wish to exceed your maximum duty day (Appendix A DHD) and DHD on an earlier flight. If you do not, you may be in violation of several of the AMR rules of conduct and could be facing corrective action.

Hotel

Many people have questioned why we are not staying at the Courtyard Marriott in Marina Del Ray. The short answer is that the hotel itself was no longer able to accommodate the amount of rooms AA needed on a nightly basis. We will continue to utilize the Marina as often as possible.

Smoking in Hotels

Many hotels now charge a fee if you smoke in a non-smoking room. Several Flight Attendants have been charged up to \$400.00 for cleaning fees. If you enter a room upon arrival, and it smells like smoke, immediately contact the front desk so that you are not charged a cleaning fee.

Crew Rest Letter of Agreement

Many of you have asked what the benefit of the 9hrs scheduled rest is. We have specific language that provides us with a mandatory 8hrs rest "behind the door". If after arrival at the hotel, you do not have 8 hrs of rest until pick up time, the purser or #1 must call crew tracking. Crew tracking will adjust your sign in time accordingly. This is a huge step forward for us as a union and as tired Flight Attendants. Thank you to all of you who participated in the "Were Restless" campaign.

Crew Meals

Although we do not have food provided on domestic flights yet, we will be meeting with the company to identify sequences where ground time is so tight that crews can not deplane to get food. Please drop your HI3 into the APFA lockbox if you fly one of these sequences.

Rumor Control

As of November, the company has stated that they have no plans to recall in the immediate future. APFA did not "sell" staffing levels on the 767-200, 757, S80 or 737. In Article 9.B.2 of the contract it states that the company has the right to adjust staffing levels and the Union has the right to dispute an unreasonable workload. This has been in place since the 1995 agreement. We retain the right to grieve staffing levels based on levels of service. This has not changed.

APFA will continue to monitor any altered workloads such as the Buy-on-Board product.

LGA Base Council

Your base council is full of wonderful representatives who specialize in certain areas. If you have specific questions please feel free to contact these individuals. Please remember they are volunteers and many times you will be calling them at their home so be considerate of the time of day. If you are interested in volunteering your time and would like to specialize in a specific area, contact Eric Hodgson, Base Chair 718-474-4205.

Professional Standards

We welcome Jodi Howard as one of our LGA professional standards representatives. Jodi can be reached through 800-395-2732 ext.8612.

APFA Representative in Operations

The third Wednesday of every month is Rep in Ops day. You can count on an APFA representative being in operations at all three airports on these days. We will have union pins, bag tags, change of address forms and the latest information. Stop by, say hello, ask questions and stay informed. We'd love to meet you.

JFK New Terminal 8, Concourse C

Please be aware of the time it takes to get from operations to concourse C and plan accordingly. At the end of the ticket counter, near the terminal exit, is a room that may be accessed with your CR key. This room has a computer where you can sign-in in case you are worried about delays passing through security.

New Grievance Representatives

We welcome Alan Montana, Sue Wilson and Travis Phaler to the dispute resolution process. They are all trained in handling disputes between you and your FSM or the company. Terry and I are confident that these new volunteer advocates will be a great asset to our team at LGA.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Dawn Polemini for 17 years of volunteer service to the APFA. Dawn has decided to retire from union work, most recently as the LGA Maternity and Hotel representative, and although we will miss her knowledge on the LGA council, we are comforted that we will still see her smiling face on the line.

EWR Test Letter of Agreement

It is with great pleasure that we announce the agreement between the company and APFA on EWR Reserve Coverage. Complete language along with examples of computer entries you may use have been stuffed in each Flight Attendants mailbox.

Stay unified, Stay informed and Fly Safe,

Eric Hodgson
LGA Base Chair

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