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Back to work to continue the fight!



Skilled union lineman back on the job. Customers can breathe a sigh of relief.



Bogle Dr., Chantilly, VA



Even the equipment is probably glad to have an experienced union member back to do T1 maintenance at Neptune Ave. in Brooklyn



Back to the Stores

We're keeping the pressure on at Verizon wireless stores. Along with other CWA locals and allies, we'll continue to leaflet stores. We won't be picketing since Verizon Wireless members are no longer on strike, but we'll be there with leaflets, banners, and inflatable pigs, rats, and fat cats.

5.9-magnitude earthquake rattles Washington

“Was that an earthquake, or did Lowell McAdam drop his wallet?”
—Steve Kelley, via Facebook

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Bargaining Update

Bargaining reports: cwa-union.org/verizon

Regional Tables

Aug. 25

Both the North and Mid-Atlantic Joint Regional Bargaining Committees are scheduled to meet in Rye Town, New York on Wednesday, August 31st to reconvene bargaining with Verizon. This “reset” of the company’s bargaining position was made possible by the mobilization efforts of our members up and down the East Coast. Our members made it clear that they would not allow this Verygreedy Corporation to destroy our collective bargaining rights nor would they allow them to destroy more middle class jobs.

Now your bargaining teams will return to address your issues at the bargaining table. While we have returned to work, this fight is far from over. We still have members who have been disciplined for strike related activities and we will not forget them. We must continue to keep the pressure on Verizon. We will continue to leaflet in front of Verizon Wireless stores across the country until we have secured a fair contract for our members.

Bargaining Begins Wednesday

by George Bloom, President, Local 1104
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We would like to quell any rumors that the CWA or the IBEW asked to come back to work because our members were crossing picket lines. Nothing could be further from the truth. It was Lowell McAdams and Larry Marcus who asked if we could end the strike and work under the current agreement indefinitely so the company could go back and review all of its concessionary demands. There was no quid pro quo other than to take down the picket lines. The union has not sold out and has not agreed to any retrogressive demands. We did agree that we would resume negotiations in the near future and would review the companies’ new proposals. As we have stated the corporation has blinked because we hurt them severely in wireless stores and Spin Doctor Marc Reed can tell all the lies he wants to the press; we know the truth our resolve is stronger than their commitment. All members should read the op-ed on our website by Ralph Nader “Verizon Goes From Wireless to Shameless”. I think he nailed it. Send a copy to friends and family.

Verizon has sent a strong message to the membership that they do not want us here. That being said next week begins the winter regulations on forced overtime. No one will be forced more than 10 hours in any week September through May. Since next week is the week ending September 3rd, this rule applies. There is no emergency until the local officers are notified and that hasn’t happened. With the impending hurricane everyone should make sure their family is safe and when working follow safety procedures to the extreme limit—your life may depend on it. If you need help make sure you get it.

Wireless Doesn’t Run without Wireline...

