



CDL MEDICAL CARD

As announced in the February 9, 2007 leaflet, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Office of Labor Relations (OLR) informed CEUI that any state employee holding a commercial drivers license (CDL) would be required to submit a medical card the next time his/her license was renewed.

At press time, there haven't been any other announcements from DMV regarding its recent flip-flop. CEUI did write to OLR on March 13, 2007. As represented in late 2006, OLR's position is again that DMV created the rule so it is not subject to collective bargaining. However, OLR is willing to discuss "concerns" and "issues" which is different from "negotiate", so let the fight begin. Please complete the CDL questionnaire on the back.

CONTRACT QUESTIONNAIRE

CEUI has written to the Office of Labor Relations (OLR) and requested negotiations begin ASAP for the purpose of having a new contract in place by June 30, 2008. The request to begin early is similar to what was done at the same time in 2004.

JULY 1, 2007—RAISES & INCREASES

Article 10 Training, July 1, 2007

- Tuition Reimbursement increases to \$70,000
- Training Fund increases to \$80,000
- Workshops, Seminars Fund increases to \$30,000

Article 20 Compensation, July 1, 2007

- Effective Sunday, July 1, 2007—3.5% payraise
- Annual increments (AI's) and *new* 10th Step Bonus paid in the check dated July 20: *2.5% higher than the 10th step of each salary group.* Payment may be denied for "less than good" service rating
- Safety show allowance increases \$15 to \$125

Article 23 Shift & Other Salary Differentials

- Effective July 6, 2007 weekend differential increases to 60¢
- Effective July 6, 2007, 2nd and 3rd shift differentials increase to 85¢

Article 27 Permanent Part-Time Employees

- Safety shoe allowance increases \$15 to \$125

Article 42 Meal Policy

- Meals purchased when working extended hours due to emergencies increases one dollar (\$1.00):
Breakfast \$6.50/Lunch \$8.50/Dinner \$14.00

Article 53 Snow & Ice Premium Pay

- Snow & ice premium pay increases to \$1.60/hour

2007 PICNIC DATES

- May 25—Mansfield/Franco American Club
 - June 15—Stratford/Boothe Park
 - June 22—Waterbury/Quassy Amusement Park
 - **July 6—Middletown/Falcon's Grove/Crystal Lake
- **East Hampton Firemans Association Grounds were sold and cannot be rented. Members only are allowed to attend. All picnics begin at noon.

APRIL/MAY '07 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS—The seven statewide Membership Meetings have been scheduled. Please plan to attend and meet President Ron McLellan. The meetings will be held as follows:

Monday, April 30

Oliver Wolcott Tech, Torrington	
Library Media Center	4:30 pm
Kaynor Tech, Waterbury	
Lecture Hall/enter at rear of building	7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 1

Public Works Garage, 309 Buckingham St, Htfd Noon

FOR YOUR CHILDREN \$10,000

The 20th Annual Salvatore J. Perruccio Golf Tournament is scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, June 28, 2007
- Portland Golf Course
- Shotgun tee off—10am
- Registration 8:30am
- Cost \$100—includes 18 holes and a cart, coffee & donuts, hamburgs & hot dogs followed by cocktails and appetizers

The tournament is the primary fundraiser for the college scholarship fund. CEUI offers four \$2500 scholarships to deserving children of members. Call Tracy Deegan at 860-343-8712 for registration materials.

DOT 3 & 4 JOB FAIR RESULTS

Out of 138 positions available, there were 30 positions for the purpose of meeting affirmative action goals, of which 9 were selected out of seniority order. Positions not taken may be reposted. Positions now vacant due to transfers or promotions may be posted. Management has the right to decide which positions to fill. DOT Maintainer 1, 2, 3 & 4's can apply for any position for which they meet the minimum qualifications. Results of a practicum are good for 6 months from when taken. A member not having the experience to pass a practicum for a specific piece of equipment will be allowed to take the practicum again if that piece of equipment is posted. All members with questions regarding failed practicums should contact Cara Wachsman at (860) 343-8719.

BRIEFLY EDITED—MY LAST ONE!

CEUI has written/requested OLR to begin contract negotiations ASAP...using the same timeline to begin as used in 2004...please return contract questionnaires; also found at www.ceui.org. Longevity in check dated April 27....Life insurance premium increase in check dated April 13....Shame on you for not listening....I told the Weicker Administration DOT Deputy Commissioner not to promote the Dist. 2 Manager and the reasons I gave were accurate, unable to tell the truth, delusions of grandeur and sadistic. As "deep throat" in the State Attorney's Office investigation of DOT starting in 2005, unable to use any of his claims...so embarrassed/ashamed to face his peers he retired April 1, providing 72 hours notice...I always said what comes around, goes around!

UConn/ Storrs, St. Thomas Aquinas	3:30 pm
Yantic Firehouse, Norwich	7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 2

Gateway CTC, New Haven, Rm 160 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 3

CEUI Headquarters, Middletown 7:00 pm

CDL NEGOTIATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE NEGOTIATED?

The requirement that CDL drivers carry medical cards has been in effect for both public and private sector drivers since 1992. CEUI is going to negotiate with the state over the impact of this. Please rate the issues below in the order of their importance to you, and list any other issues you'd like to see negotiated.

Many members have asked whether these changes now mean that there are now going to be restrictions on the number of hours they can drive. The answer is no. Public sector drivers are EXEMPT under both Federal and state law from hours restrictions, as described in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations Title 49 and Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-274.

The union has at no time agreed to anything that DOT and Vicki Arpin have put out, specifically the two memos on December 1, 2006 that were distributed to members and supervisors, titled "Medical Examiner's Certificate" and "CDL License Requirement."

Please fill out the following information, so that if we have further questions about your responses, we can get in touch with you.

Name:

Job Title:

Agency:

Work Location:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Home Email:

Home Address:

Initial Date of Hire:

state pays cost of CDL physical

going for CDL physical on state time

what happens to people who can't pass the physical and can't get a waiver?

other issues to be negotiated (please describe): _____

Please return this questionnaire to CEUI or to your steward at your earliest convenience but no later than _____. You can also find copies of this questionnaire at www.ceui.org. If you are interested in being on the negotiating committee, please contact Cara Wachsman at (860) 343-8719 or (800) 622-3359, X719.