

The Transportation Employees Association of Missouri

Central Chapter Newsletter

WHAT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION UP TO?

On Jan. 28 we held our quarterly State-wide Board meeting. Jay Wunderlicht and Lisa LeMaster from our Governmental Relations Div. joined us to discuss some of the bills that affect MoDot this legislative session.

SB 568 includes MoDot vehicles in the "Move Over" law. We support this bill.

HB 1040 includes MoDot vehicles in the definition of "emergency vehicles". We support this bill.

H.B. 1139 is a retirement incentive bill that gives those employees that retire between 1/1/2013 and 3/1/2013 and have at least 10 yrs of service, \$1000 per yr. up to a max. of 20 yrs of service. This bill also allows those employees that do not participate in the states health care plan an additional \$100/month. Our Commission would have to opt in before this plan would be available to MoDot employees. Your Association supports this bill.

SB 700 calls for the removal of our current Post Termination Hearing for employees that are terminated. MoDot has implemented a new policy to replace this option but after a lengthy discussion your Association decided to oppose this bill because we feel this is an option that should remain in place until the new policy can be tested before we are willing to give up our option of a hearing.

Our lobbyist, Harry Hill commented on some other bills that affect us, two which would remove payroll deductions for association and labor union dues. (SB 435 & 553) Similiar bills were introduced last yr. but did not go anywhere. These bills seem to be on the fast track this yr. If passed and we are not exempted we feel this could really hurt our organization. We strongly oppose this bill.

2012 is an election yr. for our Association so I ask that if you are

interested in serving on the Central Chapter or the State Board to get in touch with me. I hope to send out a ballot in June. I am going to be leaving MoDot before the next term expires so it would be nice to get someone new in as your Central Chapter President.

Sue Cox and Archie Daily met with Sen. Munzlinger to present concerns we have regarding the Bolder Five Year Direction and how it is affecting our employees and taxpayers of Missouri.

Lobby Day is March 20th from 12-3 on the 3rd floor of the Capital. Join us to discuss MoDot issues with your legislatures.

Thanks for all you do, be safe and keep a good attitude during these trying times.

Duane Kliethermes

ANNUAL MEETING TIME

The District 5 Credit Union/Employee Association Annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 17, 2012. Attached is a flyer with location and reservations details.

Return reservations to the District 5 Credit Union.

Come join us for some good food and good fun.