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Local 234, SEPTA Exchange Proposals

For City, Red Arrow, and Frontier Contracts

Tough fight ahead over health and pension benefits

It's on!

Local 234's bargaining team met with SEPTA on Friday, January 17th at the Sonesta Hotel, to exchange contract proposals.

"We want fair treatment for our members on the job," said Local 234 President Willie Brown. "And we will not hesitate to strike if that's what it takes to protect our wages, pensions and benefits."

While the Union had not yet seen SEPTA's proposals when the meeting took place (their proposals only confirmed our worst suspicions), based on the conduct of SEPTA managers in recent months, we knew that it's going to be a long, tough fight to win a contract that delivers the respect, pride and dignity that Local 234 members deserve and have every right to expect.

For example, SEPTA managers are pressing harsh disciplinary penalties, ignoring contractual provisions that limit management



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rights and interfering with our seniority when it comes to transfers, job and vacation pickings.

Why? To scare our less street-smart members, in the hope that they will buckle and force the rest of us to settle for an inferior contract. That's not going to happen, because the leadership of Local 234 and the majority of members will not tolerate being treated like second-class citizens.

It took a six-day strike to win a good contract in 2009. The stakes are much higher this time around. So be prepared to do what it takes to win a good contract in 2014.

We move Philadelphia. We can't let SEPTA drive us backward!

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