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**CWA D4 AT&T Midwest Bargaining Report #44**

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There were no formal talks scheduled on Wednesday. The committee spent the day in caucus and met late into the night discussing strategies about how to get talks moving to a positive conclusion. We remain ready and willing to meet, round the clock if necessary, in order to reach a fair settlement for our members.

**Mobilization News:** A Local 4009 member was unjustly written-up for what could have been considered a tiny infraction of safety rules: The heel on his boot was not exactly the right height! That's right, AT&T management is getting so frustrated and so petty that they actually attempted to write someone up for such a small safety infraction! Ironically, all of the L&R Techs in the Local were being especially careful to abide by every safety measure that day. When word got out about the write-up, Techs from all over the metropolitan area were hopping back in their trucks and heading back to the garage to protest.

When the managers heard what was about to happen, they quickly got on the phone to the Local and "worked it out." In other words, the write-up is out. Perhaps the moral of this story is that when we stick together and act collectively we can solve problems...but on the other hand, maybe the moral is that we can't be too careful following safety guidelines! -- because, apparently, if we are not following safe work standards to the utmost extent, we could be written up!

Local 4319 is holding a rally this afternoon at 4:00 in Toledo, Ohio. District 4 Vice President Seth Rosen, and Assistant to the Vice President Linda Hinton will be joining members of the Local in front of AT&T.

The Wisconsin locals will be holding a major rally at the State Capitol (Madison Square) in Madison, Wisconsin on May 14<sup>th</sup> from noon-1:00pm.

**...and of course, it being Thursday, everyone is wearing RED!**

You can stay on top of things by joining the Ready@AT&T network: Text the word, "READY" to 69866 for regular mobilization updates. Please go to [www.standupforworkers.com](http://www.standupforworkers.com) and sign our online support statement and spread the word among your family and friends.

The next bargaining report will be on Friday, May 8, or sooner should developments warrant.



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