

AFA Rumor Control
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Rumor:

If the AA Flight Attendants go on strike, I heard we'll be trained as replacement workers on the AA partition to keep the operations running for American. Is this true?

Answer:

First, it is important to remember that, as of right now, the AA Flight Attendants have not even been released into a required 30-day cooling off period by the National Mediation Board. If and when they are released, they will not be able to engage in any self help activities until the end of the 30-day cooling off period.

APFA has made it known that, should they be released, they intend to engage in CHAOS type strikes, which are intermittent and random in nature. Thus, the need for AE Flight Attendants to perform any type of replacement flying is unlikely. Even if management *were* to entertain the idea of using us as replacements there would be no one left to operate our flights, which is just one more reason that this is unlikely.

Nonetheless, we posed the question to American Eagle management. Senior management responded that the Company has no plans to train AE Flight Attendants to fly for AA. AA is currently training AA managers to act as replacement workers in the event of a strike. In addition, AA has hundreds of Flight Attendants still on furlough that management could ask to act as replacement workers.