

Automation Programming is still under works with testing expected to occur in the first month of 2010. AFA is still waiting to hear from the company on testing dates. Once testing is complete we will pass on the new Automation timeline. This programming will also reintroduce our 24 hour TTOT window, again aligning our bidding process to mirror our pilots. As a reminder when picking of OT via the ASES system and you then trade it for a different OT trip, you must send a RF 200 PAY by the 5th of the following month to ensure the hours are 100% pay protected.

Over the last couple of months we have received complaints regarding information given to you by crew-scheduling. As always we ask that you please take down the name and time of the conversation to assist us in requesting the tapes. All calls are recorded and can be reviewed to ensure schedulers are not violating the contract. As always please be courteous and have your contract when talking with scheduling. Should you ever have any questions please contact one of your AFA Grievance Representative's.

This past week your AFA Negotiations team met with the company in ORD. It was a productive session with tentative agreements reached on four sections. For more information please visit www.afaeagle.com and go to the Negotiations page to read update # 6.

AFA is currently in the process of training members of our Mobilization Team in all 6 domiciles. Once a majority of these members are trained with the assistance of Deb Hassan (International Staff Representative) we will move into various campaigns in support of the Negotiations process. If you're interested in participating please contact your Local Mobilization Chair, information can be found on your local web-site or bulletin boards.

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