

# CHICAGO TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 25



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### TEAMSTERS TRAIN STEWARDS TO REPRESENT WORKERS

#### Joint Council 25 Holds Annual Seminar, Prepares for Boot Camp

Teamsters Joint Council 25 hosted its annual training for union stewards last week, welcoming approximately 80 stewards to Teamster City.

Shawn Ellis, the Central Region Training Coordinator of the Teamsters' Training and Development Department, led the seminar on the roles, rights and procedures of stewardship. Participating stewards from YRC Worldwide, UPS, Standard Parking, Aramark and other union companies covered a range of specific topics, including grievance handling, duty of fair representation, contract enforcement and workers' rights.

"Our stewards' commitment to justice and equality in the workplace should be a source of inspiration for all Teamsters," said John T. Coli, President of Joint Council 25. "Ongoing steward training is essential to maintaining solidarity on the job and offering our members the best representation possible."

Seminar attendees walked away from the event with updated materials to better explain union contracts to workers and the motivation to participate in additional trainings.

"Joint Council 25 should be proud of this program," said Joanne Reasons, a member of Teamsters Local 710 and YRC steward. "Please keep union stewards posted about any future classes."

Next month, Joint Council 25 will host an Organizers' Boot Camp at Teamster City in a union-wide effort to recruit and train 1,000 new member organizers. On November 7, all members are encouraged to join the training to help grow the union and raise standards for workers in Teamster industries. To register for the boot camp, members should contact their respective locals as soon as possible.

Teamsters Joint Council 25 represents more than 100,000 hardworking men and women throughout Illinois.