

**Injury to Bus Operator Walking Picket Line Serves as Safety Reminder to Drivers**

(Sept. 27) An injury to a bus operator walking a picket line outside MTA Headquarters, Tuesday morning, is a stark reminder that safety should be paramount in the minds of employees driving into or out of any MTA facility.

Although police are still sorting out details of the incident, it happened just before 11 a.m. when two vehicles were attempting to cross through the picket line at the Vignes Street parking entrance.

The employee - John M. Ellis, a Division 8 operator - was transported to White Memorial Hospital for treatment. The extent of his injuries is not known.

"Drivers should always remember that pedestrians have the right of way and shouldn't proceed until their path is clear," said Dan Cowden, MTA director of Security. "That's a fundamental rule of operating a motor vehicle."

Tom Jasmin, superintendent of Bus Operations, and George Trudeau, assistant manager, Vehicle Operations, visited with Ellis' family at the hospital to express the MTA's concern.

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