

STRIKE STORIES



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During the strike, I was deployed at Division 1. I got to experience what mechanic C and service attendants do for a living. I never imagined checking 180 buses in a day looking for graffiti and vandalism. These vandals do quite a bit of damage to MTA property.

I learned how to turn on the bus engines and change seats using commercial power drills and hand tools. I actually got on the floor of the buses on my back, wearing goggles to protect my eyes and changed those seats.

I cleaned graffiti off the buses. Boy, what a workout!!! I actually got some real grease on my hands and all over my clothes!!! I also had the opportunity to place gravel on oil slick lanes. I never thought I would ever do anything like that, since I work in an office environment.

This was quite a challenge for me, seeing how the other side works. They do work hard. And every day, I appreciate them just as much as I appreciate my current position.

But that's not all. As soon, as I finished my tour of duty at Division 1, I served as an Employment Services clerk in the HR Employment Office. We served quite a few customers who were looking for jobs. Again, how I appreciate my job and the Employment Services clerks! Now that we're back to business, they serve more people than I did during the strike.

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