

STRIKE STORIES



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My assignment during the strike was at Division 15. The Division Manager, was great and really patient with those of us who knew little to nothing about a bus division and how it operates. On strike assignment with me were staff from ITS. We had a great experience working together.

We assisted the division manager in any way possible. We learned to start buses and shut them down properly.

Since the buses were not operating revenue service during the strike we had the opportunity to do our part. We learned how to change bus seats. The velcro ones were easy but the screwed on seats were difficult and time consuming.

With tools brought from home, we set up an assembly line process of changing bus seats. I unscrewed the top screws and since the ITS staff member was smaller, she was able to get under the seat to unscrew the bottom screws.

I then removed the old seats and set in place the new ones. We perfected the process and ended up changing out the seats for four buses in one day along with bus start-up and shut-down.

During this assignment, I came home every night very tired and with a new appreciation of what happens at a division. I met some great MTA staff members and enjoyed working with everyone during the work stoppage. It was a great experience.

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