

STRIKE STORIES



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I work in Records Management, and share an office with mail services. I was assigned to continue my work and to assist in the mailroom. At first I wasn't the happiest camper, because a strike wasn't a great welcome mat for me. I just started at the MTA on May 30, 2000. The first thing I thought was: "I am still on probation and we're having a strike!"

The first few days were strange, not seeing the people you've been working with for the past few months, but it got easier. I got a chance to work with people I had never seen. The people who had put in record requests, were now coming down to pick up their mail. I was able to place faces with names. I met lots of people and made new friends.

I learned that when something looks bad you have the power to make every situation work out for the best. I came to work knowing there were **jobs** to do, because we now had double duty. I was able to assist the staff and public with their requests, considering many were already in an uproar because of the strike. I helped out in another department and I maintained my work load without getting behind.

I also got a good lesson in teamwork during the strike, because we all made the sacrifice together. I learned that when people work together nothing is impossible, and together all things are possible!

THANKS, MTA, FOR THE LESSON IN TEAMWORK!

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