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Enough!

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Today TWU Local 250A President Eric Williams has notified Ed Reskin, Director of SFMTA, of the following: *“Management must address the issue of assaults of our members immediately. Our members will no longer be sent into unsafe working conditions as public employees serving the public”.*

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Meetings will commence immediately to seek a solution to prevent more assaults.

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Based on reports from our Members and SFMTA management, there has been an increase of **“assaults”** on Transit Operators. **Assault** includes “spitting” at or on a Transit Operator.

Individuals who **assault** a Transit Operator are subject to a criminal charge based on California Penal Code 240 *“An **assault** is an unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another”.*

Know your rights and responsibilities as a Victim of an Assault

The member’s responsibility after an assault occurs is the following:

- Notify Central Control ***“I have been assaulted with bodily fluids”***.
 - Notify Central Control that you are “out of service” due to an assault.
- Notify your Division Chairperson and Union Leadership **immediately**.
- File a complaint with the SF Police Department and obtain the case number. It is your right to file charges against individuals who assaulted you.
- Seek medical attention and evaluation and Peer Assistance.

In order for our issue of Transit Operators’ assaults to get the attention this issue needs, the TWU Executive Board strongly advises that our members exhaust the reporting process.

If you are assaulted, do not let it go. You must report the assault incident. If you are unsure of what to do, please contact your division chairperson and/or Union office immediately.