

Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____
 Country: _____ Email Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Organization Listing for Name Tag: _____

Lunch is included in the cost of Registration (\$20.00)

Would you like a lunch? Please check one: Meat _____ Veggie _____ Vegan _____

How did you hear about the conference?

- Co-workers
- Friends or family
- Organization affiliation
- Internet
- Media (TV, radio, newspaper)
- Other (_____)

If you are affiliated with an organization, what kind?

- Union
- Community
- Environmental
- Political
- Social Club/Fraternal Order
- Other (_____)

What best describes you? (please check no more than 2)

- Railroad Worker
- Transport Worker (other than rail)
- Worker (other than transport)
- Community Organizer
- Environmental Activist
- First Responder
- Concerned Citizen
- Professional Educator
- Other (_____)

Would you like to have dinner with other conference participants after the conference Saturday night?

- Yes
- No

Will you need local transportation assistance?

- Yes
- No

Do you need assistance with overnight accommodation?

- Yes
- No

Please return this form together with your registration fee of \$20.00 to:
Railroad Workers United P.O. Box 2131 Reno, NV 89505

With permission, you may bring this form together with your registration fee to the Conference and present it at the door.

“Railroad Safety: Workers, Community & the Environment”

Building a Labor – Community Alliance Around Rail Safety

In recent months, public attention has focused on the railroad. In the wake of Lac Megantic and other derailments, the public is alarmed about oil trains and the movement of trains in general through their communities. Environmental activists are up-in-arms about the amounts of fossil fuels moving by rail. Farmers and other shippers are concerned about the congestion that has occurred in recent months, due in part to the oil boom.

The public generally has no idea what goes on daily on America’s railroads. Chronic crew fatigue, single employee train crews, excessively long and heavy trains, draconian availability policies, short staffing, limited time off work create challenging safety issues of concern not just to railroaders, but to the entire population.

Please join us at this cutting edge conference that brings railroad workers, environmentalists, community activists and concerned citizens together in order to build the movement for a safer and greener railroad, one that is more responsive to the needs of workers, trackside communities, citizens in general, and society as a whole.

Saturday, September 19th, 2015

United Electrical (UE) Union Hall

**37 S. Ashland Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois 60607**

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**For more information, see the website: www.railroadconference.org
 Or contact: info@railroadworkersunited.org
 206-984-3051
 773-486-7001**

Workshop and Discussions

The conference will host a number of workshops and discussions all designed to educate those in attendance about how workers and members of the community can work together to make for a safer and greener railroad.

- Single-employee train crew operations and the inherent safety hazards that such operations pose for workers, communities, and the environment.
- Excessively long & heavy trains + deferred maintenance: The inherent problems and dangers to both workers and communities.
- Crew fatigue and the need for adequate time off, rational scheduling, proper train line-ups, advance call times, call windows, etc. to ensure well-rested, alert & safe train crews.



- Building the “Labor-Community alliance”. Strategies for success in creating a lasting coalition of workers, unions, citizens and community organizations to more effectively deal with issues of mutual concern.



- Building worker-to-worker alliances along the supply chain of all transportation and production workers.
- Concerned citizens and environmental groups in the Chicagoland area and their fight for a safe railroad.

For more information, see the website at www.railroadconference.org

Those Endorsing This Conference

A number of unions and other labor bodies, together with environmental and community organizations have endorsed and otherwise collaborated to make this conference happen. They are listed below.

Endorsing Organizations

as of 8/31/15

- Chicagoland Oil by Rail
- Forest Ethics
- Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
- Frack Free Illinois
- Green Party - Chicago
- Green Neighbors - D.C.
- International Socialist Organization - Chicago District
- Jobs with Justice - Northern Illinois
- Railroad Workers United
- Rising Tide Chicago
- Southeast Environmental Taskforce
- System Change - Not Climate Change
- United Electrical (UE) Western Region
- United Electrical (UE) Local #1177 - Renzenberger
- United Steelworkers of America (USWA) - Local #1527
- 350 Chicago

If your organization would like to endorse this conference and be added to this list, please contact us at secretary@railroadworkersunited.org