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TEAMSTERS RATIFY CONTRACTS FOR OAK FOREST PUBLIC WORKS, CLERICAL STAFF

Local 700 Secures Strong Wage Increases for Nearly 30 Members

Members of Teamsters Local 700 working in Oak Forest ratified two contracts in December to protect the benefits and rights of the village's clerical staff and public works department.

"The Teamsters' new contracts in Oak Forest are some of the strongest labor agreements negotiated in suburban Chicago," said Becky Strzechowski, President of Local 700 and Trustee of Teamsters Joint Council 25. "Our members are important public servants within their communities and they stood shoulder-to-shoulder at the bargaining table to win the rights and benefits they deserve."

The Teamsters negotiated an 11 percent wage increase over the next four years for 20 members employed by Oak Forest Public Works. Raises are retroactive to May 2014 and will make the workers among the highest paid of any public works department in Illinois.

The Local 700 members working in Chicago's southwest suburbs secured additional benefits as well, including a \$100 boot and clothing allowance and a two-hour overtime guarantee for any amount of time worked over 15 minutes before or after a scheduled shift. Public works employees also maintained a 30-minute unpaid break and a one-hour paid lunch, which are contractually protected.

The successor contract for Oak Forest Public Works also brought members an improved deferred compensation program with the employer now matching employee contributions after the first \$500.

The Oak Forest clerical staff secured an 11.25 percent salary increase over four years as well through their own Local 700 contract.

The seven Local 700 members comprising the clerical staff also negotiated new comp-time protections. For any hours worked beyond 40 per week, Teamsters can now choose to use those hours as comp time or be paid as overtime. The clerical staff performs administrative duties for Oak Forest's payroll, fire and other departments.

Teamsters Local 700 is an affiliate of Teamsters Joint Council 25, America's premier labor union for Chicago, Illinois and northwest Indiana.