

Safety first for the holiday season

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The holiday season is upon us and in full gear. During this time of year, our partners across the area see plenty of challenging work as more and more families look to stock up on those classic seasonal foods.

But during this time of year we also know there is an increase in incidents across the area that can put our partners and the general public at risk.

Robberies and theft, sadly, will be on the rise in the coming weeks. Businesses across the country will take their own necessary steps to minimize harm.

Your employer likely has a strict protocol for these kinds of problems. As holiday shifts approach, particularly at night or in areas already troubled by crime, it is important that each and every single UFCW family member keep safety as their top priority.

One of the most important functions of any

labor union is keeping the workplace safe for all. Your safety is important to us, and to the people who count on you.

Many of you are working this holiday season in order to make enough money to create your own holiday memory with your loved ones. While we hope it is a dilemma none of you ever encounter, it is important not to put yourself in danger. Follow your employer's protocols if any incidents occur at your store.

If you aren't sure what they are, this is the time to brush up. Take a few minutes to talk to your managers about what you need to do in an emergency, and make sure your co-workers know the drill as well. Work isn't always easy, or fun. But work should never threaten your well-being.

Don't be a hero. Every single hard-working person injured, killed or placed in danger on the job is a painful loss.

The holidays are a warm and beautiful time for families, and hard-working people deserve to spend their precious time with family making memories. Stay safe during this holiday season.

Union-Made Thanksgiving Shopping List

1. Boar's Head turkey
2. Butterball turkey
3. Ocean Spray
cranberry sauce
4. Betty Crocker
speciality potatoes
5. Pillsbury crescent rolls
6. Pillsbury pie crusts
7. Sara Lee pumpkin pie

**For more information, go to
aflcio.org/unionmadethanksgiving**



UFCW stands with labor allies against TPP deal

After months of secret meetings, the full text of the disastrous Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal has been made public, and the UFCW remains committed to opposing this deal that will do nothing for millions of hard-working Americans.

UFCW International President, Marc Perrone, issued the following statement urging all UFCW partners to stand against this deal:

"Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton don't agree on much, but both believe that the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a terrible trade deal for America. In a nation so divided politically, a trade deal must be truly devastating to hard-working families when leading Presidential candidates from both parties find common ground in opposing it," Perrone said.

"Of course, the American people should not take anyone's word for it. Finally, everyone will now have the opportunity, after months of backroom deals and secret negotiations, to read for themselves the truth about how this trade deal will destroy jobs and lead to lower

wages in America.”

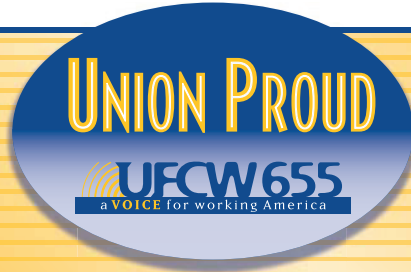
The UFCW family supports trade deals that emphasize worker pay and conditions, not giveaways to wealthy corporate donors looking to pad their already record-breaking profits.

“Our message to Members of Congress is a simple one – listen to the concerns of UFCW members, everyday Americans and even the leading voices in the current Presidential race – and defeat the TPP once and for all,” Perrone said.

"We may not be able to change every mind, but we will remember and hold accountable those elected leaders, Democrat or Republican, who choose to stand with corporate special interests, instead of doing what is right for hard-working men and women and their families."

UFCW Local 655 urges all partners to contact the congressional switchboard in Washington D.C. (202.224.3121) and ask for their senator or congressmen and let them know what they think about this wrong-headed deal.

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UFCW joins in National 'Fight For \$15'



Hundreds gathered at St. Louis City Hall to show their support for the #FightFor\$15. Mayor Francis Slay and other city leaders have supported a push to increase the minimum wage, and the UFCW Local 655 supports all efforts to pay people more for the hard work that they do. In photo from left are Local 655 partners: Jimmy Lappe, Scott Eschenbrenner, Chris Ashby, Tony Scoggins and Alex Lang.

United Food and Commercial Workers stood alongside food, retail, transportation, and other workers as part of the 'Fight For \$15' national day of action. In more than 500 cities around the country, workers gathered with signs and chants to make one simple demand: A better living wage for the work they do.

In St. Louis, the Fight For \$15 rally came to City Hall where local leaders spent much of the summer debating a minimum raise increase that is now locked in a court battle.

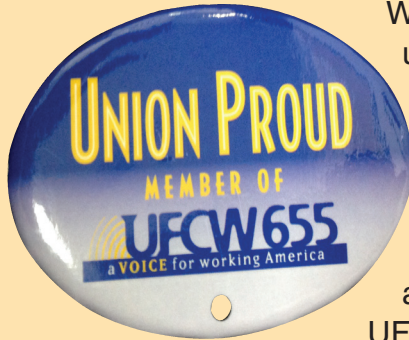
UFCW Local 655 staff and several of our partners attended to show their support.

While many 655 partners make less than the \$15 rate that so many are now demanding, UFCW President David Cook said he supports the effort for one simple reason.

“A rising tide lifts all boats,” Cook said. “If the minimum wage goes up, then pay goes up for everybody, and that includes more than 10,000 UFCW Local 655 partners all around the state.”

Have you 'buttoned up?'

There's still time to submit your entry



We'll be drawing a winner for our button up contest at our November monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24.

About 200 of you sent in photos wearing your UFCW Local 655 button showing your union pride.

We'll draw a name from all entries at our meeting and give away a free UFCW jacket to the winner. If you can't

make the meeting, don't worry; we'll make sure we contact you if you're a winner!

Ask a shop steward where to get your button so you can get entered to win! We'll continue to accept photo entries until 12 p.m. Nov 24.

Share Your Pride: Share this page in your break room.