

Summary of ITF actions British Columbia 2010

It was an early start to the day for DHL employees on October 7, 2010. This was a day of action that was seen at DHL depots across Canada which workers expressed to the company that DHL workers demand respect in the day to day operations, grievances, bargained union contract language, supervisors performing bargaining work and the constant re-routing of the drivers runs among other issues.

At 630 am in Richmond and Burnaby BC the CAW flag was flying high, while close to 35 employees per location showed their solidarity by wearing red shirts with the logo RESPECT FOR WORKERS on them. In Richmond the walkout was held on public property in front of DHL. Brother Mario Santos gave a 20 minute speech discusses the issues facing DHL employees worldwide while Brother Jim Sadlemeyer gave out information bulletins, snapped pictures and gave out t-shirts.

In Burnaby Brothers Gavin McGarrigle, Robin Wenger and Glen Wereschuk got on the back of truck to make sure there message was heard loud and clear. Each gave an account of the issues facing DHL in Canada and worldwide.

At the Abbotsford location Brothers McGrath and Brent Bookey addressed to the drivers the reasoning of this day of protest and pointed out what the ITF was all about and how this world wide company has been treating the workers all across the globe with the utmost lack of respect, especially for workers in some of the areas in third world countries.

This gathering was quite the shock to some as this day was kept secret from the company and workers in fear of reprisals from the company, it was truly an eye opener for some, but others who keep connected to the web sites like the ITF's "Respect 4 Workers" DHL global campaign know only too well the hardships that others are facing on a daily basis. The Warehouse employees continue to wear the t shirts in support of their fellow Union Brothers and Sisters worldwide.

We thanked all involved and showing their support on this day and continue to keep up fight for the rights of respect for workers at DHL and around the globe.

In solidarity

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