

Maurice Mills Report September Meeting Local 114



The new Union officially launched Labour Day weekend. Above is a picture taken at the Labour Day parade in Toronto, where over 1000 uniFOR members lead the way.

On Friday, the CAW and CEP delegates held separate conventions to modify their constitutions and change their identity and structure to merge with the new Union. On Saturday and Sunday, the combined delegations met as one to adopt the new constitution and elect a new National Executive Board. There were over 4000 people present including delegates, guests, observers and media. On Monday we lead the Labour Day parade in Toronto, as the new Union, uniFOR.



The Armed and Safe Campaign has moved to the next stage. Bill Murnighan, the uniFOR Director of Research who authored Armed and Safe, had an interview with reporters from the Edmonton Journal on September 12th, the day of the Travis Baumgartner sentencing. You can follow a link to the article at <http://www.edmontonjournal.com/mobile/story.html?id=8906289>. While the tragic nature of this senseless attack will never be diminished, this is also the start of the Armed and Safe campaign.

Jerry Diaz, the National President, has sent a letter to Steven Blaney, the Minister of Public Safety, saying that public safety and the safety of Armoured Car employees is in jeopardy. The Union is asking for a task force on the Armoured Car industry. There is more detail on the unifor.org website. <http://unifor.org/en/whats-new/news/unifor-urges-feds-improve-safety-armoured-car-workers>

I have sent the first batch of petitions to Jenny Ahn, the Director of Political Mobilization. Anyone who wishes to add their voice to establish minimum standards in employee training, vehicle specifications, crew compliments and safety equipment, can still sign a petition, and I will see that it is sent in and counted.

I have also been asked to provide some contacts to the National Union to distribute information. If you like you can add your contact information to a database to receive emails and other information for distribution to the members. Please contact me if you wish to be a part of this project.