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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**Milwaukee Professional
Firefighters Local 215
5625 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53213
(Enter through door in parking lot)**

No December Membership Meeting

IT'S TURKEY TIME

From the Officers, Board Members and staff at OPEIU, Local 9, we would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

!!!DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

If you haven't already voted early, please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8th.

This is a very important election not only for the President of the United States, but also the down ticket in each of the parties. In last month's newsletter, the Senators and Congressmen that the AFL-CIO is supporting were listed. Please make sure you vote for those that support the

labor movement. I can't stress enough how we the labor movement must support those individuals running for office that believe that the unions have a right to negotiate better contracts for our members, that supporting Right-To-Work (Less) laws do not work, and that it brings down wages and benefits not increase them.

Corporations and their CEO's, in most cases support the Republican Party. They are making way too much money off of the middle class hard working men and women. They are closing facilities to move the work to less paying areas, or overseas. For those that aren't aware such a situation is in the works at Manitowoc Crane, where by the middle of next year thirty hard working OPEIU, Local 9 members will be losing their jobs so the anti-union CEO can move the work to another area that isn't organized and pay employees way less than what our members receive here. When you go to the polls on Tuesday, November 8th, think about how this could happen to you and vote for the party that wants to bring jobs back to the United States, wants to increase your pay not theirs, and wants to pay their fair taxes just like you do.

As a Union Member any politician from any party who is against organized labor and collective bargaining, wants to end Social Security, and Medicare, believes \$7.00 is a livable minimum hourly wage Will Never Get My Vote!

Sorry, not stupid enough to vote against myself!
(From a post on Facebook)

Holiday Shopping Time

After you stuff yourself with the turkey and cranberries many of you will take to the stores to shop for those big bargains that the stores are offering. As the holiday shopping season kicks off, I want everyone to please be aware of the scam artist out there that wants to take your hard earned money away.

Recently in the Kenosha News an article was run of such a scam going on in Wisconsin. Here is what the article said:

“Beware of credit card skimmers at gas stations”

The number of credit card skimming devices that have been discovered at gas stations by law enforcement has been increasing in recent weeks. Credit card skimmers are small, nearly invisible devices that capture sensitive data and are inserted into credit card processing machines by criminals, going undetected by gas station and retail store proprietors. Once the credit or debit card information has been stored on the device, criminals can use the data to make fraudulent purchases.

Consumers can protect themselves against this type of fraud by:

- 1) Paying inside, instead of at the pump.
- 2) Looking for signs of tampering. Often times gas pumps have security seals and locks installed by gas station owners for the customer protection.
- 3) Using the pumps closest to the building where it is less likely a fraudster has installed a skimming device.
- 4) Reviewing credit card statements for suspicious activity and reporting it to your bank or credit card issuer.

If you believe you have been a victim of credit card skimming, contact your local law enforcement and your bank or credit card issuer right away.

10 Ways to Protect Your Credit Cards

- 1) Never leave your credit cards unattended at work. There are more credit card thefts in the workplace than any other single location.
- 2) If your credit card is programmed to access an Automatic Banking Machine, protect your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Don't write it down, memorize it.
- 3) Don't leave your credit card in your vehicle. A very high proportion of credit cards are stolen from motor vehicles.
- 4) Always check your card when returned to you after a purchase. Make sure it's your credit card.
- 5) When traveling, carry your cards with you or make sure they are in a secure location.
- 6) Report lost or stolen cards immediately. Most fraudulent use of cards takes place within days of being lost or stolen.
- 7) Sign the back of a new card as soon as you get it. Destroy unwanted cards so no one can use them.
- 8) Make a list of all your credit cards and their numbers. This information is handy when reporting lost or stolen cards.
- 9) Always check your monthly statement. Make sure the charges are yours. Report them to your credit card company if the entry is not yours.
- 10) Never give your credit card number over the phone unless you are dealing with a reputable company. The only time you should give it is when you originated the call and placed the order, not someone calling you.

As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please call or email the office.

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