

# Speak Out Now at AC Transit 10/1/18

## Who Walks On The Bus?

Putting yourself into the shoes of a bus driver takes some skill, and experience. Driving is the easy part as they say. Trying to make the schedules work, and dealing with the public is the tough part. Sure, you have your regular riders who you take to and from work or home and they smile, and chat you up a bit. But there are countless others who have some serious issues. As people are being pushed down further and further, the social diseases of homelessness, mental illness, drug addiction and violence are increasing.

And at any moment one or all of these problems can come walking into the bus.

## Chopped And Screwed

A lot of the drivers who have been here awhile will tell you, "AC isn't like it used to be". Every sign up the work seems to get harder and harder. When you look at the runs and the synopsis its a mess! Platform time is maxed out, and runs seem like an old quilt with a piece here and a piece there.

If this was a rap song, it might be alright, but no one wants their job *chopped* and *screwed*.

## Management's Top Five

Here's a quick run down on 5 ways to keep management happy:

- 1) Show up to work
- 2) Don't have families that keep you from showing up to work
- 3) Don't let the stress from work keep you from coming into work
- 4) Don't catch any sickness that keeps you away from work
- 5) And don't forget to come to work on your day off for OT work :)

**Revolutionary University** is around the corner!  
Ask your Speak Out distributor for the program.

## Copy You Loud and Clear

'How do you Copy?'' If you've been working out of D4 for the last month or so, this is a phrase you would recognize. With the installation of the new radio systems, we have to make a call to OCC every time we leave the yard. It might seem cool that they have a new system with a color screen, that seems somewhat modern compared to the old radio system, but what else does it bring?

It's a system that will be able to monitor us in every way, from how many people we have on the bus to the pressure of the oil in the engine, to how fast or hard we brake or make a turn! Rumor is that they'll even be able to stream live with the video cameras into the bus! Talk about being watched 24/7.

Makes you wonder what kind of write up's management is going to try and come up with now!?!?!?

## Yeah, Sure

AC management has put in protective shields on some of the buses to supposedly protect operators from potential assaults. But if an angry person really wants to hit or spit on a driver, there is nothing really stopping them because our face is totally exposed. The only thing getting stopped is our ability to get out of the way because we are trapped behind this wall for our own "protection." This will protect us management says, yeah, sure it will.

