Speak Out Now at BART (8/3/2020)

DIY?

Cleaning staff for years has been chronically low. There aren’t even enough Utility Workers in the yards to adequately clean and supply the Transportation buildings, the Electrician’s, Train Control, Power & Mechanical, Training and other trailers/spaces.

Now we’re in the middle of a pandemic and cleaning and sanitizing these spaces is a matter of health and safety – if not a matter of life and death. But Utilities and System Service workload has tripled. Management’s solution? Just make TOs, SAs, Electricians, Technicians, and Mechanics clean their own booths, offices and break rooms! Do It Yourself, that’s the BART way!

Fog Machine Training

Imagine: you had been aware that a pandemic was coming way ahead of time. A large city (NYC) across the country got hit hard with many transit workers dying of the disease. Would you wait to secure supplies of PPE, materials, and sanitizing chemicals? Would you wait with educating and training your workforce on how to deal with this new disease?

Well, if the answer is no, you have little in common with BART management. 6 months into the pandemic and Lakeside finally figures that it’s time to train System Service on the fog machine.

Delayed Response

Trains are not the only thing that’s delayed often at BART. Workers know how often management delays maintenance or dealing with other problems – to the point that they constantly have fires to put out.

The Coronavirus is no different. Immediate action would be great when dealing with a dangerous and contagious disease. Not at BART: they need two weeks just to get some spray bottles for cleaning materials. Delayed is better than never – and that happens probably even more often!

Spray bottles are hard to get for a billion dollar operation apparently