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# CWA Local 4340

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## Mobilization 2008

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November 13, 2008

Mobilization training has begun... We have provided training to two classes of CWA Activists and we have two more classes to go, so far! What a great session, full of useful information and great motivation techniques. Though this particular session is geared toward the upcoming AT&T contract bargaining, I can see future mobilizations for our other groups as well. The training really highlights the trends and progression of negotiations with AT&T and the Bell System Companies throughout their respective histories. Also showing what works (and how long!). Here is more from "CWA History – A Brief Review."

### **1972: First CWA President's Award Presented**

**It's been awarded annually since to local officers and staff who make an outstanding contribution to organizing. The award is a replica of the Stetson hat Beirne wore.**

### **1973: General Telephone Workers in Three States Walk Out**

**In 1973, 6,000 CWA members in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky went on strike against the General Telephone companies. The strike lasted two months in Indiana and Ohio before settlement was reached, but the workers in Kentucky were on the picket line for five months before their demands were met. The Kentucky workers were forced out on strike again in 1976. This time strikers were out for 200 days before settlement was reached.**

Just a reminder about how we got to where we are today. The workers before us walked the lines and stuck together because it is the only way we can counter the big money of the corporation.

On Thursdays, we in CWA wear red shirts to show our solidarity to all of our employers and to remind ourselves that we can, if united, win. As we ramp up our mobilization, we will have plenty of opportunities for volunteers that can make a huge difference. Get in touch with us and we will find something for you to do.

Congratulations to our local officers, Mike Plezia, President, Keith Estes, Executive Vice President and Anita Blackwell, Secretary/Treasurer, on a successful election.

**In a show of solidarity, we ask that on Tuesday of next week, November 18, 2008, all CWA members employed by AT&T or an AT&T company, wear a red shirt in support of the CWA bargaining team meetings in Dallas to kick off the bargaining preparations.**

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