

43 Air Freight Drivers Join Local 135 in Indianapolis

Workers Fight Independent Contractor Scheme

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On February 7, drivers with Towne Air Freight in Indianapolis voted to join Local 135, seeking a strong voice to fight the company's attempts at changing their status to independent contractors.

“The company wants to turn them into independent contractors. They would do the same work but not get paid benefits,” said Jeff Combs, an organizer with Indianapolis-based Local 135. “As Teamsters, they will have the backing to fight the company's scheme.”

The unit is made up of 43 drivers who pick up and deliver air freight.

“This is our 14th organizing victory in a little over a year and I believe we are setting the bar when it comes to organizing,” said Brian Buhle, Local 135 Secretary-Treasurer. “We are committed to growing our union by making organizing the top priority.”