

NORTHWEST FLIGHT ATTENDANTS REACH BOILING POINT IN FIGHT TO COOL DOWN TEMPERATURES IN THE CABIN

Minneapolis, MN – Northwest flight attendants, represented by the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA-CWA), this week continued their fight against dangerously high air temperatures in the cabin. The soaring temperatures, which often climb into the 90s, are a result of domino-like series of operational challenges in a Delta infrastructure that is apparently unable to bear the weight of its overly aggressive summer flight plan.

“The recent trend of excessive temperatures in the cabin poses a dangerous health hazard to flight attendants and passengers,” said Janette Rook, NWA-AFA MEC President. “Over the past several months, we have tried to work with management on creating a solution, but have been largely ignored. Far too many passengers and flight attendants have suffered from heat stress, and it is imperative that we put an end to that.”

As Delta management refuses to address the issue, AFA-CWA has been providing information on heat exhaustion signs and symptoms in order to avoid potential heat strokes in the cabin. In addition, this week AFA-CWA began to pass out hand fans to provide a small amount of relief.

“It is ridiculous that our flight attendants have to arm themselves with hand fans just to make it through the boarding process. Heat related issues in the cabin are serious and must be addressed immediately,” added Rook.

For over 60 years, the Association of Flight Attendants has been serving as the voice for flight attendants in the workplace, in the aviation industry, in the media and on Capitol Hill. More than 50,000 flight attendants at 22 airlines come together to form AFA-CWA, the world’s largest flight attendant union. AFA is part of the 700,000-member strong Communications Workers of America (CWA), AFL-CIO. Visit us at www.afanet.org.