



# The AMFA - Northwest Airlines Tragedy

**June 1, 1999:** The National Mediation Board (NMB) certifies AMFA as the representative for Northwest Airlines mechanic and related.

**May 11, 2001:** The contract is signed.

**May 14, 2001:** Northwest Airlines management implements the largest farm-out of mechanic's work in the airline's history.

**May 18, 2001:** Northwest Airlines begins furloughing mechanics. Furloughs continue on a quarterly basis.

**October, 2002:** Northwest announces the closing of its Minneapolis maintenance facility.

**August 20, 2005:** Approximately 4,750 remaining mechanic and related members of AMFA at Northwest go on strike against the company.

**October 9, 2006:** Strike ends with all AMFA workers still on strike converted to lay-off status with 5 - 10 weeks severance pay.

**October 29, 2008:** Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines merger is complete, Northwest ceases to exist.

**AMFA Members at Northwest Airlines never got to vote on the company's final offer.**

**There was NO STRIKE VOTE.**

**AMFA had NO STRIKE FUND.**

## **THIS IS AMFA'S LEGACY**

**Vote for the union that always puts its members first.**

**Vote for the union with 136 years of protecting workers' rights and negotiating industry-leading contracts.**



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