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*Professional Air Traffic  
Controllers Organization*

An affiliate of the Office and Professional  
Employees International Union, AFL-CIO

## A Brighter Future for Air Traffic Controllers



Now is the right time to be a member of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO), an affiliate of the 104,000-member Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), AFL-CIO.



An air traffic controller's job is one of the most demanding and stressful in the world, requiring keen judgment and split-second decision-making. Lives are at stake, and no matter how tense the situation may become, there is no margin for error.

The professionals who work in private towers around the nation are the backbone of the National Airspace System, and are seen working behind the glass in the control tower of almost every hometown airport in the United States.

While they perform their job in a way that is well above what is required of them

in extremely stressful conditions, these professional controllers in the private sector are required to comply with the same exacting standards as their federal counterparts – **but without the same level of compensation.**

Instead, these highly skilled professionals are underpaid, understaffed and overworked.

**Professional air traffic controllers deserve better. With the strength of the OPEIU and the 12.5 million members of the AFL-CIO behind PATCO, a brighter future can be a reality.**

## Did you know that with a union contract

*You can't be fired at will?*

*You'll make more money than air traffic controllers at non-union towers?*

*You'll have a say in determining staffing levels and working conditions?*

PATCO currently has master collective bargaining agreements with many control towers throughout the nation, including RVA, Midwest, SERCO and DCSI, among others.

## It Pays to Belong!

In addition to the many representational benefits of union membership, you are entitled to a host of membership benefits provided by OPEIU to its members – **all at no cost to you** – as a member of PATCO/OPEIU DAG 81, including:

- ★ **Two free tows per year, valued at up to \$100 each**, for you and your family living in the same household;
- ★ **\$2,000 death benefit;**
- ★ **\$2,000 accidental death and dismemberment benefit;**
- ★ **OPEIU scholarships** and a summer camp program for children ages 13-16
- ★ **AFL-CIO Union Plus Program**, which provides consumer benefits to union members, including a no-fee credit card, low-rate mortgages, and discounts on entertainment and everyday items.
- ★ OPEIU's magazine, **White Collar**, to keep you up-to-date on your union.



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