WHAT TO DO IF YOU BREATHE FUMES ONBOARD:

PRINT AND CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU

FUMES = odorous chemicals in the air (not visible): some just unpleasant, others can make you sick. Even if no visible smoke/haze, still pay attention. Some fumes coming from the air vents contain carbon monoxide which can immediately cause headache, dizziness, fatigue, etc. Other types of symptoms can be delayed.

Quickly IDENTIFY where FUMES are coming from – air vents or cabin item?
• If coming from cabin item, address directly.
• If coming from air vents, could be oil or hydraulic fluid fumes which can contain carbon monoxide and other chemicals which can make you sick. Oil fumes often smell like dirty socks. Hydraulic fumes often smell acrid.

(Flip card over...)

If fumes are coming from the vents, REPORT to the pilots: 1) what it smells like, 2) where in the cabin, 3) when it started, and 4) whether anyone has symptoms. If symptoms, request that EMTs meet the flight.

TAKE OXYGEN if you have types of symptoms listed on other side of card. REPORT events that make you sick to your supervisor and get medical attention. DOCUMENT what happened by completing company paperwork, notifying your union, and keeping a log of your symptoms.

For more INFORMATION/QUESTIONS on FUMES:
• Download practical information to take to a doctor/ER posted at http://bit.ly/AFAFumesInfo (case sensitive). Also posted on that site are the names/data sheets for the oil/hydraulic fluid used at your airline.
• Contact your AFA MEC safety/health chair via email or phone.
• As a backup, contact AFA Intl. safety/health: Judith@AFAnet.org or 206-932-6237.