



UAW Local 551 News about the 3rd Crew



Facts of the 3rd Crew Operation

I would like to begin by laying out the fundamental facts about the 3rd crew, the positive and negatives. I have attached all **contractual language** that applies to the 3rd crew **language on schedules**.

First, I would like to explain **the positives of the 3rd crew**. All members should be well informed and have knowledge of what to expect when the transition occurs **April, 16**. The membership is aware of the fact that **Ford Motor Co** currently testing and building a data base of potential employees. We will add members over the next couple months and divide them equally with half on days and half on nights. This will lead to a smooth transition to the 3rd crew.

Parking Lot Solution Secured by your UAW Leadership

As we all know, the parking situation has been a headache for decades at Chicago Assembly. Your UAW Leadership **demanded** the company come up with a plan to solve this problem long term. The solution which is in the process of being constructed was the purchase of property across from **the UAW-Ford Training facility**. This is a long term fix that will allow the membership on the North end of the building to walk directly across the overpass to the turnstile in the Training Center parking lot.

Hiring Opportunity at Chicago Assembly

With the 3rd crew coming to Chicago Assembly, the membership has had a chance to submit **1 referral** card in order to have someone tested. This has been a great success with the membership getting the chance to have a friend or family member tested for employment. While overtime will be limited, the chance to **grow our membership by 1200 members** will add increased strength to our Local. In this economy the reality is that any time the chance to add this number of **livable wage jobs** to an area is available... it must be seized!

Incredible Chance for the Membership to Obtain Premium Jobs

Members can see in the **Mezzanine** the list of premium jobs being posted. It is the most **extensive and wide ranging list** of jobs ever at Chicago Assembly. If members have low seniority and are flexible about their shift, the ability to obtain a premium job is a great possibility.

Sunday's Union Meeting

Last Sunday's Union meeting had many great questions from the membership. Many of the questions asked were in regards to the 3 crew operation. The sense of **unity** was strong even though we lacked a quorum. One member, Brother Tim Billenger stated that **"it is time for the membership to stand united behind the UAW Leadership"**. He also stated perfectly that **"the company thrives off of the division amongst Union Brothers and Sisters"**. Spirited **debate** is a must in a vibrant Union, but when inside these four walls nothing scares the company more than the **enthusiastic** support from the membership, behind the Local Leadership.

In Solidarity,

Grant Morton, Plant Chairman.