

Exciting Times for UAW Chicago Assembly Workers

As always the local UAW leadership would like to welcome all the transferees from around the country. Also former laid off workers from Chicago Assembly have been offered the chance to return. And finally a big welcome, to all the new Brothers and Sisters that have started in the last couple of weeks. To help with the transition, the UAW staff is here to help in anyway possible to make the transition as smooth as possible. For the transferees that signed up for the basic transfer package it's important to remember that you have 6 months from the transfer date to change this to the enhanced package if you decide that Chicago is your new home.

2nd Shift Dates

The tentative date for the second shift operation to be up in running is still November 1. A process is in place to flow into the second shift as such; on October 4 the company wants to have every job doubled up with someone trained for days and afternoons. October 18 is when the company plans to begin a split shift for the afternoon crew to get ready for full 2 shift production. A big question that the membership has asked is when will members know what shift they will be working? The answer is that district representatives will soon have a matrix of all the jobs in the area along with all the employees on the jobs. The districts along with the management team will meet and determine the layout of the shifts. One thing to keep in mind is that it is impossible to have all low seniority or new employees on any one shift. With this being said the contract is clear that once the shifts stabilize that the bump process can proceed.

Parking Lot Information

One of the biggest challenges that we have faced in regards to the second shift operation is how do we fit two shifts on one in regards to the parking lot. The additional lot on 130th street is now ready to be fully utilized as a relief lot for CAP employees. This is the lot on the West side of the tube off of 130th street. Over the last few months multiple incidents of theft have occurred in the parking lots at Chicago Assembly. If any member has an issue with theft or damaged property stop by security and make out a report of the incident. It is important as we make longer walks into the plant and deal with extra traffic that we remember this has been caused by the addition of a second shift!

Additional Union Representatives

With the increase in membership numbers additional union representatives have started to be placed on the floor to help with issues. The first additional representative to be added was Chill Will Jackson in Paint and Pre-Delivery department. As members are added each week I will add the elected alternates for each district. For all members it is important to remember that even though an official is from a specific district, they have the right to help with issues in all districts. The additional time on the floor will not only help the full time district representative help members but also provide a great training opportunity for the alternate representatives.

In Solidarity,

Grant Morton, Plant Chairman