

Happy Holidays from the UAW Leadership Team

Upcoming Schedule

I want to give an update to the membership as soon as I received the official schedule. The last production day before Christmas break will be December 16th. The plant will be down from December 16th until we return on Monday January 10th. Lots of rumors are flying about our product but the facts are as such; Oakville Assembly which produces the Edge and Flex and Lincoln SUV has sustained many down weeks due to a cam shortage in the motors that their plant and ours share. Due to this shortage of engines our plant will be down the week of December 20th and January 3rd. All employees effected by this down time should report back to work on December 10th.

Actions for Employees to Take

For seniority employees the week of the 20th will be paid as a short work week for Monday-Thursday and 8 hours vacation pay for Friday December 24th. Non-seniority employees will need to pick up unemployment information in the Mezzanine on Thursday. For the transferees that have not been here for at least one year, the state you previously worked in will be the state to file for unemployment. For most, the first week of been unemployed will be the waiting week.

Important Point to keep in Mind

The vehicles that have been shipped to the dealerships have gone through extensive evaluation and meet the upmost quality standards. The issue that has caused down time for Oakville Assembly and now Chicago Assembly was not a quality issue, but a supply issue. Every UAW worker should take pride and feel proud at the job they have done this year to help turn Ford Motor Company into a financially stable and profitable company.

Thought from the Chairman

Since June 17th when I was sworn in as Chairman of the UAW at Chicago Assembly there certainly have been challenges and obstacles to our success. What I would like to say to all the UAW members is that I have enjoyed and appreciated all the support from the membership in the last 6 months and look forward to more progress and successes for the membership in the upcoming year. Your Bargaining team will turn in the resolutions to the IUAW and meet on a weekly basis to get prepared for local negotiations next summer. From my family to all the membership I would like to say have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. December 19th at 2 pm we will have our monthly Union meeting, please attend if possible and bring any further questions you have.

In Solidarity,

Grant Morton, Plant Chairman.