

Shop Chairman's Report

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UPDATE

Just a couple of statistics to level us up on where we are at as plant. We have approximately 255 hourly employees still working. We have 204 laid off and approximately 265 folks who have transferred to other locations. These statistics are for this current week because as you know things are changing on a daily basis.

PARAGRAPH 96 MOVES

We had our 96 move numbers, but the unknown was how many people at these other plants were going to take the S.A.P. This has put some previously unknown demands for manpower at these plants. Coupled with that the "Cash for Clunkers" program has been stripping the inventories of popular models.

Most of the 96 moves for production and maintenance trades have been offered. The die maker moves on the other hand are slow to be offered, and most are not expected before December 7th.

TRANSFER CARDS

When you transfer to another plant you need to transfer your UAW membership. Once you know where you are transferring to, please call the union hall (616-534-7613) and request a transfer card. Sheila will assist you by preparing the transfer card and forwarding it onto your next location.

SUBCONTRACTING

We are not getting any help from the International on fully utilizing our people (extra hours). Their direction is to copy Flint and Pontiac and get as many people working, utilizing Document 112 as much as possible.

If there is a specific plant that you want to transfer to, make sure to call the 1-800-NAT-HIRE system. They are having some problems with their system, but we are getting things corrected slowly, but surely.

In closing, we want to wish the very best to all of you that are transferring to other locations and to those who are retiring.

In solidarity,

Marty Green,
Shop Chairman