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July 9th, 2021

BARGAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Shop Chairman – Rich LeTourneau

Zone Committeeman 1st Shift – Dave Poor
Zone Committeeman 2nd Shift – Steve Turner
Zone Committeeman 3rd Shift – Chris Phillips

Shop Committeeman – Joe Perry
Shop Committeeman – Chad Brumbaugh
Shop Committeeman – Mike Kellogg

• MASK FREE MONDAY

On Monday July 12th vaccinated General Motors employees will no longer have to wear these masks that we've been wearing for the last 13 months. The company will not and cannot require proof of vaccination due to legalities. However, as they have stated in their official Covid-19 statement dated June 29th from GM Vice President Phil Kienle, the company reserves the right for GM medical to ask for proof of vaccination in contact tracing type of situations. The company's own records indicate that only two people contracted Covid-19 in the plant. So I find it highly unlikely that all of a sudden their contact tracing will lead them to one of our members. I urge this membership to keep a low profile on this issue, do not make a spectacle out of yourself, you will only rat yourself out. We do not want to see anyone in this membership getting disciplined over this issue. We are already hearing about hot spots in some departments. I will be walking the floor mask free to help this transition. We are not experts in this field and I'm not sure the experts are either, but we will all attempt to address your concerns. Just wave me over, we will get through it, we always do. For those who aren't yet comfortable with ditching the masks, the company will continue to make them available for you. I'm looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

• ELECTION FOR UNIT I CHAIRPERSON

As a reminder on Thursday July 15-16 your election committee will be conducting another election for Unit I Shop Chairperson. Although it is just one election and not a triennial election your vote is still important, so take time to vote, all Unit I members are eligible to vote, including temps.

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• EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The International contract states that each facility has a First Responder Team. A team of hourly and salary members have been meeting since last year creating a team that can respond to anyone having a medical emergency at FWA.

The first team started in the TI Body Shop and then in the Paint Dept at the beginning of the year. We are in the process of rolling it out to General Assembly, but we are in need of more volunteers to be part of the team. Particularly, anyone who may have experience in emergency Services outside of FWA. The plant is also willing to train those interested in helping others at FWA. who are selected.

You can pick up an application at the Security Console in GA or Medical, fill it out and return it to either location. In addition to setting up the First Responder Team, we have been holding CPR/AED classes at the Union Hall. To date about two hundred members have been through the class. Having members who are trained in this life saving skill will better prepare them to help someone at work, home, or in the public. If you are interested in taking one of these classes contact the Union Hall at 260-672-2209. Any questions can be directed to thad.mccallister@gm.com.

• HAMTRAMCK RECALLS

Another 10 members have been offered a recall to Detroit-Hamtramck. The effective date is July 26th, 2021 and they have until July 9th, 2021 at 3:00pm to accept or decline their offer.

• TEMP CONVERSIONS

On July 12th there will be 1 more temporary employee converted to in-progression permanent full-time employee.

Rich LeTourneau



Shop Chairman

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