



REGION 2B UPDATE

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear UAW Family,

I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day. It was declared a national holiday by Congress in 1971, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, and was previously known as Decoration Day. The real meaning of the holiday is meant to honor all U.S. soldiers who have died serving their country. I know many Americans celebrate the beginning of summer and enjoy a nice cookout with family and friends. My hope is that everyone at least took a moment to recognize the sacrifices of those Americans that gave all so we can enjoy our freedom.

There has been a lot of activity in Region 2B around contracts recently. Those that have recently passed contracts are:

- Local 933, the ABM unit. Thank you to the local bargaining committee and servicing representative, Chris McTaggart.
- Local 1834, the Buckeye Local School District. Thank you to the local bargaining committee and servicing representative, Ben Strickland.
- Local 1250, the Ford Cleveland Engine Plant. Thank you to the local bargaining committee and servicing representative, Steve Frammartino.
- Local 1250, the Ford CEP Nurses. Thank you to the local bargaining committee and servicing representative, Steve Frammartino.
- Local 1118, the Howden Roots facility. Thank you to the local bargaining committee and servicing representative, Dan Huddleston.
- Local 658, Clark City Board of Development. Thank you to the local bargaining committee and servicing representative, Tim Meadors.
- Local 12, the Kern Liebers Unit. Thank you to the local bargaining committee and servicing representative, Walt Schwiefert.

Active negotiations are happening at:

- Local 1112 at Ultium
- Local 1112 at Mahoning County Job and Family Services
- Local 2413 at Fram Div. Honeywell
- Local 86 at Hill Mfg.
- Local 12 at GT Tech.
- Local 12 at TTL Associates
- Local 70 at Hedallooy Die Corp.
- Local 70 at Zagar Inc.
- Local 638 at GT Tech.
- Local 658 at Navistar TSC Unit
- Local 14 at DFM
- Local 14 at Office
- Local 14 at Maintenance
- Local 70 at Cuyahoga County Sheriffs - Corporals
- Local 70 at Cuyahoga County Sheriffs - Security Office
- Local 70 at Cuyahoga County Sheriffs - Cooks/Laundry

We have Tentative Agreements at:

- Local 2021 at Grammer, Inc. Tiffin
- Local 4199 at AAM
- Local 1033 at Triumph-Thermal Systems

While getting good contracts is important, a lot of our work as union members is making sure the company follows the contract. I know at the regional level, we do this every single day. The locally elected leaders fight this fight too. We need our members' support in fighting these companies. Keeping records and letting your locally elected leaders know is important, and so is supporting the process. Companies violate the contract for several reasons. Maybe they just don't know better, maybe they don't care, maybe they feel it's their only move forward, I believe that many times they want to divide the membership. They know we must follow the grievance procedure, or even if we file charges, the process can take a long time. This is frustrating and I understand that it may appear that nothing is happening. The truth is, we are fighting back, the wheels of progress just take more time than we would like. Standing together in SOLIDARITY is what scares the company more than anything. We are our sisters' and brothers' keepers so please support your union.

Region 2B may have some new brothers and sisters around the Dayton area soon. Members of CareFlight Air & Mobile Services at Miami Valley Hospital will be voting to join the UAW June 11th and 12th! The petition was filed with the NLRB on May 13th and we are eagerly awaiting to expand our union family. This is about helping those workers fight for pay equity, benefits, and safety for them and their patients. Workers across America are realizing that if they want to be treated with dignity in the workplace, they need to organize, and that's exactly what these proud CareFlight workers are doing.

Contracts, organizing, and education are your director's top priorities. The Region 2B staff has been putting together some excellent programs to help educate the members and leaders for the more than 300 units we serve. This is very exciting for me because I know that every elected person, every appointee, and every single member needs to be armed with the knowledge to fight for our rights. This is why I am encouraging all locals to send people from their leadership to the UAW Region 2B Leadership Conference, July 14 -19, 2024. None of us can do it alone, but together we can make a difference. There is a lot of work to do, and it is a very busy year. As always, my goal is to move this region at least 1% a day in the right direction. I know I can't do it alone and want to thank the Region 2B staff for all their support. Teamwork really does make the dream work.

God bless,



Dave Green
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