

10/13/08 From the Office of President Andy Richardson :

The leadership of Local 95 would like to respond to today's announcement of the WARN Notice given to our members. Although this news was somewhat expected, we no doubt are very concerned about the current state of the auto industry and the economy as a whole.

The announcement is a setback, however, the GM Taskforce led by Tim Cullen and Brad Dutcher will continue its efforts in securing a new product for the Janesville facility.

It is our hope that the federal package offered by the government and the package that was presented by the GM taskforce will somehow benefit Janesville and the members of Local 95. We have a strong history of building world class vehicles, and we still hold hope for the future.

The membership of Local 95 will continue to build the best quality trucks in the business and do everything within our power to earn the right to a renewed future for our members and this community.

7/22/08 - A Brief Update from President Brad Dutcher

We continue to work diligently to package a business case to present to GM executives in late August or early September. Governor Doyle has secured a future meeting with Troy Clarke, Vice President of North American Operations. A significant aspect of this business case is the Local Agreement. John Dohner, Jr. and the Shop Committee continue to meet and are getting closer to reaching a tentative agreement. We will keep you updated on the progress.

Most of you know by now that I have accepted a position with the International Union as a servicing representative in Region 4. I will replace Roger Anclam who has retired after almost 19 years of service to our union. My new assignment will allow me to continue to serve all of you that put your faith and trust in me during the triennial elections. John Dohner, Jr. and I both applied and interviewed for this position because we felt it was extremely important that Roger's replacement came out of the automotive sector. We committed that one of us would accept the position if offered in order to have a continued Local 95 presence on the International staff.

I will continue to serve as President of Local 95 until we have presented our case in front of GM executives in Detroit.

6/24/08)- An Update from President Brad Dutcher

The leadership has been very busy coordinating efforts in attempts to secure future production for our plant. Former State Senator Tim Cullen has been appointed by the Governor to assist us in our efforts. He has immediately had a positive impact on the problems we currently face. I would like to thank him for stepping up and jumping in with both feet. He is a huge asset to me personally on the governmental side of this process.

Our "new product" team has been developed internally at the plant. We continue to meet and brainstorm ideas pertaining to product volumes and future allocations. We will continue to update you on our progress.

On Tuesday June 24th, a broad based coalition of community leaders along with representatives from all branches of government met to develop a strategic game plan. Brett Smith, from the Center of Automotive Research, led discussions and was very helpful in pointing the group in the right direction. We are in process of assigning people specific duties. The group has decided to seek the help of an automotive consultant. He/she will assist us in putting a package together for the consideration of General Motors executives.

John Dohner, Jr. and the Shop Committee continue to work daily in an attempt to secure a competitive local agreement. They are making progress and will continue to meet until a settlement is reached.

I am very concerned at the rate of decline in current production. This is moving very fast and seems to be gaining speed daily. It is extremely important to continue to come to work and build a quality product. The eyes of those who make the decisions are on us.

We will continue to place any information and pertinent updates on our Local 95 Website, www.local95.org.

(6-5-08) - A Brief Statement from President Brad Dutcher

On June 3, 2008 General Motors announced that they will cease production at our Janesville Assembly plant by the end of the 4th quarter 2010 or sooner if the market demands. We, the leadership of Local 95 along with our entire membership are extremely disappointed in this announcement. This decision will not only impact our members at GM, but also at locations tied to our production such as Lear Corporation, LSI, Allied and Aramark.

We produce world class quality award winning SUVs. We do it everyday with pride and dignity. I believe the last SUV to leave our assembly line will be no different than the first.

We are committed to leave no stone unturned. We will exhaust every avenue available in an attempt to secure a future for our members and this community.

To watch the entire press conference, follow this link: [Press Conference](#).

We have been contacted by many of our local and state legislators who have been very supportive and have offered their assistance. Following are letters we have received.

[May 1st Letter from Senators Feingold, Kohl and Congressman Ryan](#)

[June 3rd Letter from Senators Feingold, Kohl and Congressman Ryan](#)

[June 5th Letter from State Legislators](#)

[June 9th Letter from the Rock County Board to GM](#)