

Friday, December 20, 2024

In the next few months, we should hear more details about what will be happening in Belvidere. Every member knows what the contract says about product allocation. That is what this fight with corporate has been about, holding them to their commitments. Recently, Toledo Assembly Complex has come out publicly stating that they want the midsize truck due to issues with the Gladiator sales. It would seem that once again, corporate has successfully pitted two assembly plants against each other and Toledo took the bait. Instead of holding corporate accountable to their commitments, they will try and take what was allocated to Belvidere in the contract. No one knows how many products are in the development stage at this time. Stellantis has kept that a secret from us. There might be enough "new" product to go into each facility in the corporation. Until we know this information, the fight needs to be against corporate on honoring the commitments made in this contract. If not, I'm sure corporate can look at the quality and throughput numbers on the Cherokee from 2013 through 2017 while it was in Toledo and the numbers Belvidere had from 2017 through 2023, including the JD Powers award we won in 2020 to see who gets the job done! So, it's probably best if we as members work together to make the corporation honor their commitments.

**Happy Holidays to everyone, enjoy this time with your family and friends. I'd also like to thank all of the members that continue to volunteer and stay active with the Local during this time. Thank you.**

Hall schedule-

The Hall will be closed from December 23rd through January 1st. We will reopen on Thursday January 2nd.

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