



AUGUST 2008 WEBSITE REPORT

WINDSOR ALUMINUM

State of the Plant

At present we have 267 people 173 Production 79 Skill Trades and 15 TPT's. On the Ford side 3.0 litre North Line is running 5 Days a week, 3 shifts the numbers dropped to 5000 a week from the previous month of 7000 a week, things change fast.

TSR Department 7700

The first part of August they shutdown the South shot blast in this Department, only to start it up 2 weeks later. Some members were not happy that they lost there jobs on the blast when the company reduced 6 people due to the 3.0 litre and 3.6 litre on the east west shot blast. What happened was G.M had some Quality concerns with their product so they held and quarantined the blocks until the concern was resolved. Which put them behind on the blasting of the blocks, so they decided to start the blast up. The company informed us that the south shot blast will be going down and 8 members will be surplused out of this Department for Sept 15/08.

Finish Department 7900

Finish Department is running 1 1/2 shifts at present for how long I don't know. The company informed me that they are looking at going back to 1 full shift Days and 2 people on the off shift as of this writing.

G.M Expansion

We were told that during the month of Aug. this Department would be working 6 Days a week. Well that never materialized. They are on a 5 Days 3 shift schedule for now. How things change so fast it just goes to show you that the market conditions are changing from day to day week to week. I sure am glad that we are not in negotiations' right now, which we would be, had we not went early. I'll say it again good call Mike Vince in going early.

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