

PARTS DEPOTS UNIT
FRANK FABRIZIO, CHAIRMAN

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

I, and all of the elected and appointed representatives of our Unit, wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Remember that safety is just as important when you are away from work.

Please do not drink and drive over this holiday period. If you are out having a few drinks, make sure you have a designated driver and always remember to buckle up.

As of the writing of this article, there will have been 54 people placed into protected status, G.E.N. at National Parts Depot and 14 people placed into protected status, G.E.N., at Detroit PDC. This is a result of efficiencies gained by the transfer of operations to Memphis from National and Detroit. Solicitation for the new P.D.C.'s should be on going in December. There will be a significant number of salaried employees moving out of the Q.M.P. facility over the holidays. The expected timeline for the closure is during the first quarter of 2003. The actual demolition of the building will occur after June, 2003. All UAW-represented employees should be placed by the time this closure or demolition takes place.

We will be faced with difficult challenges during the next year. The new P.D.C.'s will continue to have an impact on the number of employees that are in our Unit. I, and your entire Committee, will be doing everything possible to continue to protect your negotiated rights under our current agreement while preparing to meet the challenges of negotiating a new agreement to replace this agreement, which will expire in September, 2003.

This Holiday season, please take time to remember those who are less fortunate. It is true that you need not look far to find someone who is less fortunate than you are. There are numerous worthy organizations and charities that are in need of your help. Please help them to help others by volunteering your time or making a donation to help make a difference in someone's life.

CONDOLENCES

I and the entire Committee express our condolences to all who have lost loved ones and friends.