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# DIGITAL DATELINE

“BUILD IT LIKE WE OWN IT”

## ORION WILL PLAY KEY ROLE

**IN GM’S EV FUTURE:** “You have a very secure future.”



Those words from **Mark Pervine**, GM Manufacturing Executive Director, kicked off a joint diagonal slice meeting with about 20 represented and non-represented employees at Orion Assembly.

Mark, who spent Tuesday meeting with Orion staff and employees, reinforced the important role Orion will play as GM seeks to dominate the EV market. With work commencing on a \$4 billion investment to convert Orion into a high-volume EV pickup plant, GM is poised to hit 1 million EVs by 2025.

“Our biggest advantage is we know how to build at scale,” Mark told the group. “Some startups are trying to figure out how to mass produce.”

Employees pressed Mark on several issues specific to the plant conversion. For instance, how long will Orion produce the Bolt EV and EUV? When will production begin on the Silverado and Sierra EVs? What is the impact on employees while the plant is down?

Mark said the current plan is to produce the Bolt EV and EUV well into 2023, with an end date in Q4 2023. There also is a plan to start production of the EV pickups in late 2024.

What happens to employees during that roughly year gap is still being discussed. A lot depends, he said, on what other GM sites need, as well as what personnel are needed as Orion is converted to pickup production.

“We’re doing as much as possible to minimize the impact on people,” Mark told the group.

One area that Orion employees can expect to see improvements in is plant amenities, Mark said.

“We’re building great products, but you walk in the front door, and it looks like 1980,” he said.

GM is currently upgrading restrooms, team rooms, cafeterias, and offices at various sites.

“When you look at Factory Zero, it feels like a plant building a \$100,000 Hummer,” Mark said. “The employees feel good.”

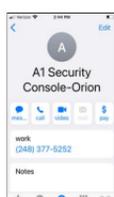
As Orion’s plans take shape, they will be shared with employees, **Reuben Jones**, plant director, said after Mark’s visit.

There are a lot of activities on the Orion site, with contractors setting up a trailer city and site work getting under way. One notable milestone, Reuben said, is a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new paint shop, which is scheduled for Aug. 31.

Reuben said details about other construction-related projects will be shared within the coming weeks.

## Orion In-Plant Emergency

How to call for HELP!



For quick reference, store in your cell phone contacts as **A1 Security Console – Orion** to be the first contact in your phone directory. **This number is for Emergency Help Only and will trigger immediate escalation and response. (248-377-5252)**

**Channel 1 on In Plant Radios is for Emergency Help Only and will trigger immediate escalation and response.**

## Cyber Security - USB Scanning Solution



- Omni-Platform Security with Access Technologies (OPSWAT) is a USB device scanning solution that will be put into place via several kiosks throughout the plant floor
- BENEFITS**
  - Ability to gain insight into potential risks on the plant floor prior to USB Devices being used on manufacturing PCs
  - Extensive logging for tracking files entering the facility
  - Helps keep our plants Cyber Secure from potential outside threats present on USB devices
- Plant Locations for the Kiosks**
  - Visitor Lobby
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