

# Fisher Body Historical Team

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Interviewed by Cheryl McQuade.

Interviewee Bob Fell

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Security date 10-79 & 9 days laid off  
3-27-1981 into Trim. 3 years, another  
layoff. next paint repair. 9 years,  
to point of safety advisor for Paint Shop,  
several years next UAW Health +  
Safety by Richard Shoemaker. Mostly  
nights shift

Favorite job - current position, very  
rewarding.

First job = clean excess urethane off cars.  
Next job Paint Repair. night shift

\* Appointment by Dick Shoemaker = very  
rewarding day to receive this position.  
Changes seen over the years (cleaning up  
in paint, handling of hazardous materials.  
Skilled Trades, lifts, safety training,  
harnesses, confined space training,  
Confined space - vaults, pits, tanks etc.  
Fatalities have occurred in Fisher Body.  
Today a permit is needed to enter these  
spaces. Safety training is involved.  
\* rescue training is also a very important  
for this team.

1983 Fatalities occurred at this plant.  
in a confined space in the  
paint shop. 3 employees were killed

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Safety Dept vs Employees.

a joint GM-UAW program, 3 hourly 3 management  
Over time safety dept has changed peoples  
perceptions of safety in the plant.

Cell phones now is a problem in the  
Facility. For every rule we have there  
is someone ~~with~~ who we can talk to.

- Family in plant. Father, mother, 2 brothers,  
1 uncle, 1 cousin. Bob thanked everyone  
for granting interview and being asked  
for his own words.

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