

# **Thomas Patrick O'Shei**

Thomas is a Buffalo native and is currently Local Union President (since 2012) at the Tonawanda Dunlop (now Sumitomo Rubber USA) plant that has approximately 1,100 members and a total of 1,500 people working at the plant. He began his union career as a member of UFCW in 1985, a member of the Rubber Workers in 1988, and through a merger became a Steelworker in 1997. Thomas began as a Press Operator in 1990 at Dunlop, went on to be a Tire Builder and worked as Chief Union Steward for 6 years in 2002. He enjoyed helping his members and in 2007 went on to become the Financial Officer and Policy Representative.

Thomas sat on the Board of Directors for The United Way of Buffalo and Erie County from 2016 through 2022 and he was also a member of the Governance Committee. He currently is on the Executive Board of the Western New York Area Labor Federation and a delegate to the Buffalo Central Labor Council.

Thomas also served his country as a Combat Engineer in the 152<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion of the Army National Guard. He worked in Headquarters and produced operation orders for line companies. He was also the Nuclear Biological and Chemical Warfare NCO and trained news reporters for assignment during Operation Desert Storm.

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