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Don Bent is the chief operating officer at Oshkosh Defense. He is responsible for driving the operational excellence needed in executing current programs and winning future business, as well as overseeing procurement, manufacturing and quality/continuous improvement. Previously, Bent was the vice president of operations for Oshkosh Defense and Oshkosh Finishing Services.

Bent joined Oshkosh Defense in 2010, helping lead the production ramp-up of the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) and the international production launch of the MRAP All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV). He has also served as the vice president of operations for Oshkosh Corporation's Fire & Emergency business segment, leading all operations including a resurgence of the Pierce operation in Bradenton, Florida.

Prior to joining Oshkosh Corporation, Bent had extensive experience in engineering and manufacturing, leading lean manufacturing transformations at General Motors, BorgWarner and Amcor Packaging.

Bent holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from GMI Engineering & Management Institute and a master's degree in manufacturing management from Kettering University.

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