



BULLETIN

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REPRIEVE BRIEF CLOSURE ANNOUNCED

MCO received notification this morning that the Department of Corrections will be on site today announcing the closure of the **Mound Correctional Facility**.

Earlier this year the Republican led House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Corrections specifically identified the closure of Mound in its FY '11-'12 budget...something not done in recent times. Normally cuts are announced in terms of \$ savings and the decision as to how to achieve the savings is left to the DOC.

MCO members rallied in response, launching a letter writing campaign and 100+ members attended a Town Hall meeting with Detroit area legislators in May. In the end, Mound was removed from the final budget language as a specifically identified closure. It seems, however, that the reprieve was brief as the DOC, still in need of finding savings in the budget, has announced today that Mound is slated for closure once again.

Under the terms of the contract, MCO will now sit down with the Department to discuss the ramifications of this closure - with the goal of coming to a mutual agreement that will mitigate the impact to members as much as possible.

This process will take several weeks, so while it is understandably difficult, we ask for your patience. Any developing information will be passed along through regular KYI's and Special Bulletins, as well as the website and facebook when necessary. Please watch your bulletin board or sign up for e-mail delivery to stay informed of the latest developments.

MCO President Tom Tylutki, who was planning on visiting the Forensic Center this morning, has now changed his plans and is en route to Mound to meet with members there.

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