



HUNDREDS OF KINROSS PRISONERS PROTEST ARAMARK

About 200 KCF inmates formally protested Aramark food Monday.

They gathered on the north yard behind the kitchen at about 2:45 p.m. and walked one lap around the track. The inmates returned to their housing units after the peaceful demonstration, which lasted just under half an hour.

No intervention was needed, but KCF staff was well prepared. On Feb. 14, a supervisor got a kite about the protest. Prisoners' food complaints – shortages, odd substitutions and food temperatures – were detailed in the kite. Later, a CO was packing up an inmate when he found a flyer on the protest.

First shift officers were held over for the protest. The Department should ask Aramark to pay for the overtime!

Nearly 30 Aramark workers have been put on stop order since December, according to a news article on the protest.

RUO TECHNICAL APPEAL MOVES FORWARD: STATE FILES RESPONSE

The Attorney General's office has filed a response to MCO's technical appeal in the RUO classification elimination. Now a Civil Service Commission technical review officer will make a decision.

The technical review officer reviewing the case has the authority to reinstate the RUO classification going forward but cannot order back pay, according to Civil Service rules. William Hutchens, a Civil Service hearing officer presiding over a grievance filed on the RUO

elimination, could order back pay. The grievance is on hold until the technical review officer determines if the RUO position should be reinstated.

The technical review officer has no deadline for making a decision. MCO or the AG's office can appeal the technical review officer's ruling to the entire Civil Service Commission and then to the state circuit court.

We know this is a long process. We'll keep you posted.

SRF CO ASSAULTED TODAY

A Saginaw inmate attacked an officer on a stairwell this morning, and both of them fell about 8 feet to the floor below them.

A responding officer heard punching and shouting before seeing them fall. The inmate continued to fight while responding officers restrained him.

The CO received a cut that needed 15 stitches, but that appears to have been the only injury. The officer was sent off site for care.

The inmate is in segregation.

MCO hopes the officer recovers quickly. Stay safe in there.

CONTRACT NOTES: CHART DETAILING HEALTH CARE CHANGES ONLINE

From the MCO website, members can find a chart OSE prepared with details on the new health care plan. All changes will go into effect Oct. 12, 2014, except for the new deductibles and out of pocket maximums. **New deductibles and out of pocket maximums do not take effect until Jan. 1, 2015.** The chart indicates new deductibles and

out of pocket maximums take effect in October, but they do not.

The health care appendix in the contract approved by the Civil Service Commission (and on the OSE and MCO websites) contains inaccuracies. These errors are being fixed. The corrected version will go back to the Commission for approv-

al, which we anticipate will be done without difficulty. When looking at the contract, please note that appendix H-2 will be updated.

The MCO website also has a link to information about optional benefits offered to state employees. If you want to take advantage, you must enroll March 24 - April 11.