





CORRECTIONS BUDGET MOVES FORWARD

On Thursday, the Corrections Conference Committee met and approved the MDOC budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

A major change to the \$2,040,521,700 budget included removal of a section requiring the MDOC to release an RFP for a nonstate run, non-secure, nursing home facility to house mentally or physically disabled prisoners. The proposal claimed a savings of \$5 million dollars, but the privatization ploy was sensibly removed by the conference committee. The committee consisted of six members, three members from the Senate (John Proos – R, Roger Kahn - R, Glenn Anderson – D) and three members from the House (Joe Haveman – R, Earl Poleski – R, Andrew Kandrevas – D). The committee approved the conference report by a vote of 5-1, Andrew Kandrevas being the lone "No" vote.

To view the report, go to legislature.mi.gov and search for bill 764.

The budget now goes before each chamber, and if approved, moves to the Governor.

AROUND THE STATE: ERT RESCUES MISSING WOMAN; NCF INMATE STABBED; FOOD DELAYS CONTINUE AT STF

An ERT member from Newberry found an elderly woman lost in a densely wooded area north of her home in Rudyard Wednesday.

ERT members from Kinross, Chippewa, Alger and Newberry assisted the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office with the search. According to media reports, the sheriff thinks the woman may not have made it another night in the chilly woods. She was taken to War Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations to the entire Emergency Response Team on a job well done!

An NCF inmate was stabbed Monday evening on the big yard.

The injury was life-threatening. The prisoner was taken to an emergency room in Newberry before being transported to Marquette General Hospital. The attacker was placed in segregation. He was transferred Thursday.

A Level II inmate at ARF slashed another inmate May 29 in the weight pit. The assailant went to seg.

STF is experiencing some type of food delay nearly every day. Recent occurrences:

May 31 - west side chow line delayed 1.5 hours. Food production difficulties.

June 1 - east side chow lines delayed 20 minutes. Meat shortage.

Cookie shortage on west side.

June 2 - half-hour delay on east side. Pan of BBQ pork was stolen.

June 5 - shortage of french fries on the east side and shortage of french fries and pizza on west side.

IN MEMORIAM: Adam Ladd and Gary Bussell

MCO member Adam Ladd, 39, died in a tragic accident May 30. Ladd worked at Cooper Street and had almost 12 years in. He leaves behind a wife and two children.

Visitation and a funeral was Tuesday in Hillsdale.

Retired MCO member Gary Bussell has also passed away.

Bussell worked at Riverside and most recently at Carson City before retiring in 2006. He also served in the Vietnam War.

Bussell leaves behind a wife, four children and other family members. His nephew, Kirk, and sister-in-law, Jamie, work for MDOC and his brother, Dave, is retired from the Department.

Bussell died Wednesday. His funeral was today.

A memorial service for Chad Charles, the ERT member who collapsed during a training exercise, was held Wednesday.

Please join MCO in praying for the families and friends of these three men.

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