



AROUND THE STATE: DRUNK INMATE BRAWLS WITH OFFICER AT STF; 8-MAN FIGHT AT SRF; SPUD JUICE DELUGE AT STF, DRF, JCF

An inmate called for help when a drunk prisoner attacked an officer, who was alone in a housing unit with 160 inmates.

The assault happened on third shift last week in Q-unit at Central Michigan while his partner was on his lunch break.

The officer gave the prisoner a pass to leave the unit, and as the inmate was accepting it, he put his hand on the officer's face. The CO pushed him off. The inmate began punching him in the face, and they fell to the floor. Other prisoners approached and egged on the fight. The officer couldn't reach his PPD, but he was able to ask one nearby inmate to dial the command center.

"Another minute, I'd have been stomped or dead," the officer told MCO.

At one point, he was able to reach his pepper spray. The only place he could release it in the melee was into the inmate's mouth.

The officer had previously asked a prison administrator to move the combative inmate.

The officer was taken in a state car to a hospital. He suffered a fractured ankle, a back sprain and elbow and wrist injuries.

The inmate was intoxicated, and that contributed to this assault, the officer said. Drunkenness is on the rise, and gallons of spud juice are being found frequently at STF, he said.

Q-unit was shaken down the day after the fight. Spud juice and five pieces of metal were confiscated.

Eight Tasers were deployed Monday to quell a chow hall fight

at Saginaw.

At least 8 inmates were involved. No staff were hurt, and no serious inmate injuries were reported.

Two gallons of spud juice, one pound of sugar and two shanks were found during a chow hall shake-down at Carson City last week. COs also found empty bottles that smelled like fermented liquids.

Second shift yard officers performed the shake down. Good job!



The Cotton chapter raised more than \$2,000 for the MCO Crisis Fund at a BBQ and raffle Wednesday. Way to go! Parnall held a BBQ today. From left: MCO Treasurer Bill Henderson; MCO President Tom Tylutki; Cotton Chief Steward and MCO Board Member Cary Johnson; Cotton Chapter President Arthur Alvarado; and Cotton Warden Randall Haas. Go to mco-seiu.org for more Crisis Fund news.

Tons of contraband was found in a kitchen at Cotton.

A box of sugar packets, four gallons of spud juice, flavored drink packets, three onions, an empty container and fish were found in the ceiling tiles Monday in Cotton Food Service chow hall. More drink packets and spud juice was found in the dish tank.

That evening, a huge mess was left in the kitchen. Trash cans were overflowing, and food was left on trays, in sinks and

on the floor.

More sugar, orange juice and drink flavoring were found in hiding spots Tuesday. Sixty pounds of hamburger went missing from the Temporary Food Service chow hall that day also.

DOC PUTS A STOP TO NEW 12-HOUR SHIFT PILOTS

New academies leave prisons too short for 12s

The Department will not consider allowing additional facilities to transition to 12-hour shifts due to staffing shortages.

An administrator sent an email to MCO officials this week, saying this was the "prudent course of action" given CO vacancies around the state. The memo indicated consideration of 12-hour pilots is on hold until more

officers are hired.

Several times, MCO has expressed concerns with the Department about the new academy structure and warned that hiring could become a challenge if paid training was eliminated.

This is just one more way staffing shortages have affected operations. MCO will monitor this situation and share developments with members.