



IBC WARDEN KEN MCKEE WILL BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MDOC ANNOUNCED TODAY

Bellamy Creek Warden Ken McKee has been named the new MDOC deputy director for Correctional Facilities Administration, effective July 6.

McKee is the co-chair of the MCO/MDOC joint health and safety committee and is very active in the Ionia community. He is the former warden at Michigan Reformatory.

McKee will also supervise the Bureau of Health Care Services. MDOC announced the bureau will move to CFA oversight.

MCO has always had a good working relationship with McKee, and union leaders look forward to working with him in



Ken McKee
MDOC photo

the future.

McKee was selected by new MDOC Director Heidi Washington. Washington officially takes over her new role July 1. Today was Director Dan Heyns, Deputy Director Tom Finco and Chief Deputy Director Randy Treacher's last day.

AROUND THE STATE: STAFF ASSAULTS AT THREE PRISONS; DOG ATTACKS ARU INVESTIGATOR

A prison counselor was assaulted in an ASRP unit last week at St. Louis.

She was retrieving toilet paper from a storage closet when an inmate pushed her into the closet and punched her at least 10 times. He also choked her, officers tell us. She was able to push her PPD for help.

She hasn't returned to work. The inmate was transferred to ICF.

An Alger inmate punched an officer in the face during a misconduct hearing Thursday.

She has bruising and a sore jaw but no broken bones. She was seen at a hospital. The officer initially returned to work, but has not been back since Thursday.

A Gus Harrison inmate climbed a fence and got caught in razor wire in what was possibly an escape at-

tempt.

The Level I prisoner attempted to scale an inner perimeter fence Friday. He was taken to segregation.

Also on Friday, an OJT officer was assaulted in the chow hall. He was not seriously injured, an officer said.

An ARU investigator was bit by a dog last week while checking on an absconder in Detroit.

The dog, a female boxer, bit the investigator's wrist and refused to let go. The investigator was treated at a hospital and returned to work the same day.

ARU investigators are in the public searching for absconders and never know what they may have to face. This incident is just one reminder of the difficult task they have.

There were at least three gang-related fights in two days at Ionia

Correctional Facility.

On June 20, two fights broke out 15 minutes apart on the unit 3 yard. One inmate was stabbed with a prison-made weapon in the second fight. Unit 3 was locked down.

Then on June 22, there was another fight on the yard between units 4 and 5. A sharp weapon and an ink pen were found.

No prisoners were seriously hurt, and no staff injuries were reported.

About a dozen inmates were involved in a gang-related fight last week at Kinross Correctional Facility.

Some of the inmates had weapons. Two inmates were taken by ambulance to a hospital. No staff injuries were reported.



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