



## AROUND THE STATE: 14-MAN FIGHT AT RMI; MTU INMATES, STAFF SICKENED WITH FLU; FIGHTS CONTINUE AT KCF

**Two officers were injured while breaking up a 14-prisoner fight at the Michigan Reformatory Saturday.**

One CO went to the hospital for a shoulder injury. The other officer hurt his knee. Both are back at work.

The fight broke out on the walk to lunch chow. No one was seriously injured. A weapon was found, an officer said, but it didn't appear to have been used. Two inmates resisted staff, the officer said.

All 14 were sent to segregation.

**MTU is under a medical quarantine due to stomach flu, which has sickened at least 16 people.**

The virus popped up last week. Most of those sickened are in the RTP and ASRP units. Inmates are cleaning the affected units and the chow hall with bleach.

Two staff members caught the

flu. An officer tells us he hasn't heard of any COs catching the flu at the prison.

The quarantine could possibly be lifted next week.

This is the second outbreak of a stomach bug at MTU since May.

**Violence is not letting up at Kinross, an officer tells MCO.**

An inmate was gashed in the arm and neck Wednesday. He was sent to a hospital for treatment. The prisoner received stitches.

This week, another officer told MCO he found the 225th weapon of his career. He has been a CO for about eight years.

### Some DRF events:

8/1 – prisoner placed in protective seg after being assaulted, unknown assailant.

8/5 – four-prisoner altercation on 500-building yard, two taken to

segregation.

8/8 – inmate assaulted by unknown assailant; taken to hospital for treatment.

8/9 – inmate-on-inmate assault with hot water.

8/11 – inmate sent to Level IV for substance abuse

– inmate punches officer in jaw. Inmate taken to segregation.

8/12 – inmate found in possession of razor blades and matches.



The Charles Sinclair class, with nearly 300 recruits, graduated today in Lansing. Congratulations, recruits!

## SUNSET APPROACHES ON PART-TIME CO PROGRAM

MDOC will not hire any more non-career corrections officers (retirees who came back to work part time). Legislation that paved the way for this program included a sunset date of Sept. 30, 2015.

MCO was never comfortable with MDOC hiring retirees to work part-time at a lower pay rate. Leaders testified before the legis-

lature, saying this program would fall far short of the projected \$10 million annual savings because most retirees aren't interested in reclaiming such a stressful and dangerous job. We were right.

We're glad MDOC is rapidly hiring full-time, career corrections officers.

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