



AROUND THE STATE: OFFICERS INJURED IN KCF FIGHTS; MAGGOTS UNCOVERED AT TWO PRISONS

A Kinross inmate punched two officers last week.

During a shakedown, COs removed an item from the prisoner's area. The inmate then came down stairs and punched an officer in the face. Another officer intervened and was also struck. Both have returned to work.

This is the fourth officer assault at KCF in the past few months.

And on Wednesday, an inmate's neck was slashed. It appears that another prisoner came up behind him with a weapon in each hand and cut both sides of his neck, an officer tells MCO. The injured inmate was taken by ambulance to a hospital. He is back at the prison and in protective custody.

Maggots were found Sunday morning in the kitchen at Parnall.

A member tells us maggots were in a seam in the serving line tables. A similar situation happened at the prison about a year ago.

The maggots were discovered

right after breakfast. The serving line was immediately broken down and sanitized, an officer said. It was operational again for lunch, which was served late.

Maggot-infested bananas were placed on lunch trays today at Ionia Correctional Facility, an officer said.

Some may have crawled onto other food on the trays. The trays were replaced.

An officer blamed the infestation on a "stock-rotation issue," saying these bananas had been left on a loading dock.

Further details weren't immediately available.

There were four fights at Alger over a span of four days last week and early this week.

Altercations broke out in the school building and Birch, Cedar and Maples units. At least nine inmates were sent to segregation for involvement in the fights.

UNION REPS ALLOWED IN POST CRITICAL REVIEWS

MDOC administration has rescinded a policy that disallowed union representation at post incident and mobilization critiques. This means chapter officials are again allowed to attend the critiques.

Union involvement in the critiques was a long-standing practice until former Deputy Director Tom Finco issued a memo last year prohibiting it. MCO leaders have met with the new administration and asked them to again allow chapter officials to attend critical reviews.

We're glad the MDOC has taken a step to collaborate with MCO in keeping prisons safe and secure.

CHILDREN'S DAY PICNIC IS AUG. 22

Employees at Detroit-area facilities and all MCO members are invited to the Children's Day Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 22 at Lower Huron Metro Park in Belleville.

This year's event includes bounce houses, kids' games, live jazz, and food, including ribs, fried fish and pulled pork. Back packs filled with school supplies will be given to children. The event is 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The picnic is a long-standing tradition that brings together corrections employees for a day of family fun!

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Many members have been asking, "Where can I buy MCO gear?" The answer is, at our new online store!

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