



BARGAINING UPDATE: OSE PASSES COUNTER OFFER TO MCO'S WAGE PROPOSAL

Now that bargaining has turned to wages and health care, the momentum we described in the Sept. 11 KYI has slowed.

As we reported, MCO and other Coalition of State Employee Unions went first at passing economic and health care proposals as part of a proactive approach, instead of sitting back and waiting to see what the state would propose.

OSE came back with very disappointing counter offers. MCO and OSE are still working hard to hash this out.

Sept. 18 was the deadline to request impasse assistance. Because we haven't reached a tentative agreement, MCO made the filing, although there's still a lot of time to negotiate. The filing for impasse is a procedural requirement, not an indi-

cation the parties will actually go to impasse. The bargaining team is still meeting with OSE several days every week.

These are all the details we can release at this time. Please watch the website and the KYI for updates. You can also join our members-only Facebook group for information on bargaining and other MCO and MDOC news.

AROUND THE STATE: MBP INMATE DIES; SCREW FOUND AFTER FIGHT

A roofing contractor's 5-in. screw was found at the scene of a fight at Alger Sept. 19. But the screw didn't appear to have been used in the altercation. No stab wounds were found on the inmates involved. Tasers were deployed to break up the five-prisoner fight. One officer was shoved in the brawl but was not injured, an officer said.

A Marquette inmate never regained consciousness after being

punched. He was pronounced dead Sept. 20.

The prisoner was hit by another inmate while on the Level V yard. He fell and hit his head on concrete. An ambulance rushed him to a hospital, but he couldn't be revived, officers say.

A Trinity employee at Brooks was placed on stop order Sept. 21.

Officers tell MCO she was fired and escorted out of the facility after she was caught allegedly kissing an inmate.



IN MEMORIAM: MIKE RHODES

Pugsley Officer Mike Rhodes passed away Sept. 18.

Rhodes had been an officer since September 2000. He leaves behind a wife and children.

His funeral was held last week in Lake City, MI.

Rest in peace, Officer Rhodes.

CRISIS FUND RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Time is running out to get your 2015 Crisis Fund raffle tickets!

The first prize is a deer hunting getaway, valued at \$2,200. Two crossbows and five firearms are up for grabs.

Not a hunter? Gift certificates for Kalahari, Great Wolf Lodge, and

outdoor stores will also be raffled off.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. See your chapter leaders to buy tickets. The raffle will be held Oct. 23, the day after the MCO Central Conference. You don't have to be present to win.

All proceeds go to the MCO Crisis Fund, which helps members facing a catastrophe.

THANKS, MRF!

Macomb employees raised \$1,046 for the MCO Crisis Fund at a BBQ earlier this month.

Thank you, staff, for attending the event and donating to the Crisis Fund!

We'd also like to thank Warden Randall Haas for supporting the Crisis Fund through the BBQ.