



OFFICER DIGNITY INITIATIVE: INSPECTORS WILL BE TRAINED TO DEAL WITH DRESS OUTS

Last week, MCO announced a special development in the corrections Officer Dignity Initiative.

This fall, all prison inspectors will be trained on how to handle inmate dress outs and indecent exposures. This training, led by Michigan State Police, will be part of the three-day inspector conference.

The goal is to enable MDOC prison administrators to better deal with these events in a health-conscious and

respectful manner. The training will include information on crime scene processing, evidence handling, writing, and compiling documentation for the purposes of prosecuting inmates who dress out or expose themselves to officers.

Many stakeholders in the Michigan law enforcement community have come together on this initiative to support corrections officers. MCO, MDOC, MSP, and the Prosecuting

Attorneys Association of Michigan all agree—officers should not have to endure a work environment where prisoners throw feces, urine, and other bodily fluids. Inmates who do this should know they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you, officers, for your support on this topic. The Officer Dignity Initiative is just one of the new programs underway at MCO to engage members in new ways.

AROUND THE STATE: KITCHEN WORKER TRIES TO BRING HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS INTO CENTRAL MICHIGAN; OAKS AND ALGER RATTLED BY PRISONER FIGHTS

An STF Trinity worker tried to enter the prison with \$736.

He couldn't clear the metal detector, and officers shook him down. It's not clear why the metal detector was tripped, officers said.

The employee was escorted to his car. Officers say he is not allowed back on grounds, even though no stop order was posted.

STF officers tell MCO they are prohibited from bringing \$25 or more into the prison.

Several fights and assaults have broken out at ECF in the last few weeks.

A Level IV inmate was slashed in an assault June 15 that occurred while inmates were returning to 3-block from dinner. Earlier that day, officers had to intervene in a fight between two Level IV inmates who lock in 3-block. No staff members were injured. Staff searched the unit and found a 5-in sharpened piece of metal.

Also, a 9-foot cable cord was recently found on a food cart headed to

a segregation unit at ECF, officers say. Meanwhile, a metal ice cream scoop went missing from the kitchen Tuesday. Officers say improper inventory practices are to blame.

LMF has been disrupted by several inmate fights.

On June 12, an inmate slashed another prisoner above his right eye. There were two prisoner fights later that day. Four inmates were sent to seg.

There were at least two more prisoner fights that week.

Thank you, officers, for professionally handling emergencies, like fights, every day.



Outing, held June 17 in Newberry, was a success.

The outing included a silent auction, where golfers and others bid on framed photos of UP destinations.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE CRISIS FUND THIS SUMMER!

The UP Crisis Fund Golf

If you missed the UP outing, you can still sign up for the traditional downstate outing Aug. 19 at Ledge Meadows Golf Course in Grand Ledge. Sign up and sponsor forms are available at mco-seiu.org.

The Crisis Fund helps members facing a catastrophe. To those who support the fund, thank you!

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