



## PUGSLEY CLOSURE UPDATE: NOTICES ISSUED TODAY REGARDING VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

Here's an update about the members affected by the Pugsley closure.

- 60 officers in the layoff unit (45 from Pugsley, 15 from the Oaks) submitted voluntary transfer/appointment forms to leave the layoff unit.

- 56 of them will be placed at their first choice of facility.

- 2 of them will be placed at their second choice.

- 2 of them listed only one work-site, Baldwin TRV, which is at capacity. They were not granted a transfer.

Personnel offices at MPF and ECF issued notices today to members who applied for voluntary transfer/appointment. Release dates will be based on

operational needs and will be coming at a later time.

MDOC will make a seniority list of the remaining MPF and ECF officers. That list will be used to fill FTEs at the Oaks. Officers who do not have the seniority to be placed at the Oaks will be issued a layoff slip and a preference sheet so they can be added to the state-wide departmental recall list. Those officers will be placed at a facility listed in their preferences. They will also be on the layoff unit recall list.

More details can be found in the layoff packet MCO staff prepared for MPF and ECF members, available at [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org). Copies were also handed

out to affected members at meetings.

Closures are difficult because they disrupt members' lives. The prospect of being laid off, moving, finding new childcare, etc., is taxing. Most MCO Executive Board members have been through closures themselves and have experienced the worries first-hand.

However, MCO leaders are glad all but four COs who applied for the voluntary transfer/appointment were not only placed, but placed at their top facility.

Union leadership and staff will continue to do everything possible to mitigate the impact of this closure as much as possible.

## AROUND THE STATE: ARF OFFICER ASSAULTED; MASSIVE SHAKEDOWN AT MR

**A Gus Harrison officer is still off work after being injured while intervening in a fight June 19.**

The altercation broke out between two cell mates in unit 3, a Level II. Somehow, the cell door was slammed against the officer as he entered the cell. Please keep this CO in your thoughts as he recovers.

Additional ARF news:

An inmate kitchen worker assaulted a Trinity worker Monday. Officers tell MCO the Level II prisoner slapped the employee at least twice. He was sent to segregation. No serious injuries were reported.

On Tuesday, an inmate was caught with about 4 lbs. of turkey and nearly 4 lbs. of oatmeal as he was leaving the

north-side food service. Stolen food items are a threat to safety and security because they are often sold for cash or bartered for contraband. Food items have an inflated cash value inside prisons.

**Michigan Reformatory was locked down for a facility-wide shakedown Tuesday.** Three Level

II inmates were found in possession of weapons. Squads from other Ionia prisons assisted. Several suspected gang members have been interviewed in the last few days, and many have been transferred out.

MR saw an onslaught of violent activity during June, officers said. There were 12 assaults on prisoners, eight assaults on staff, and 39 inmates involved in fights.

*Corrections officers have Michigan's toughest job. To all the officers who responded to assaults and fights behind the walls this week, thank you.*

**Recent events at ICF:**

6/26 – inmate-on-inmate fight.

6/24 – inmate-on-inmate fight.

6/23 – prisoner found in possession of a weapon.

6/18 – inmate-on-inmate fight.

– 4-in. weapon (sharpened plastic) found on prisoner.



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