



PUGSLEY CLOSURE UPDATE: FIRST ROUND OF TRANSFERS WILL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 31

Expedited bumps and voluntary transfers out of Pugsley will start in a few weeks.

About a dozen COs will report to their new work locations beginning with the pay period that starts July 31. Two weeks after that, about a dozen

more officers will be released to their new worksite. MDOC will continue to transfer staff in waves.

One MPF unit is closed, and inmates are still being transferred out regularly.

MCO leaders and staff will continue

to visit Pugsley and the Oaks to answer questions.

MCO leaders and staff would also like to thank the two chapters' leaders for explaining the closure process to members and supporting them through it.

AROUND THE STATE: WCC AND LRF OFFICERS ASSAULTED; GANG FIGHTS AT KCF

A Woodland prisoner choked an officer Monday when a squad entered his cell.

The prisoner lathered up his cell floor with something slippery, causing officers to fall. As they fell, the inmate grabbed one CMO by the neck and choked him, officers said.

The CMO was admitted to the hospital. He has injuries to his spine and knee, plus bruising.

Please wish this officer a quick recovery. Stay safe.

A Level IV Brooks prisoner assaulted an officer last week.

The inmate approached the CO, who was sitting in the officers' area in a housing unit. The officer was punched in the face and jaw. Other COs quickly responded. There were no serious injuries, an officer said.

The prisoner was sent to segregation.

Gang-related fights, including two stabbings, occurred at Kinross Monday afternoon, and a sergeant was injured during the response.

Altercations broke out on the yard, and then later in front of housing units. An inmate was stabbed in the stomach, and another was cut on his left shoulder, an officer said. About 30 Level II inmates were involved, MCO was told, and about 20 prisoners were transferred out. More than a dozen first-shift officers worked late to help with the fights' aftermath. The facility was on lock down until Wednesday.

A sergeant was taken to a hospital for a leg injury.

Thank you to all the custody staff who responded to these events. Run-

ning toward danger, instead of away from it, is a profoundly difficult thing to do.

ICF officers had to fire a warning shot Thursday to disperse a six-prisoner yard fight.

The inmates were Level V. No serious injuries were reported.

This was the second warning shot fired on the yard in the last week. A warning shot was also used to end an inmate-on-inmate assault Sunday.

A Parnall inmate threw hot liquid in another prisoner's face, severely burning him.

The assault happened earlier this month. The assailant had warmed up the liquid in a microwave, an officer said. He was transferred.

Parnall is a Level I prison.



Join us for COPS Day Wednesday at the Ionia Free Fair!

COPS Day at the Ionia Free Fair is Wednesday, July 20. Cor-

rections officers and other law enforcement officers are welcome to come out and get free snacks, toys, MCO gear, and discounted ride wristbands. The fun starts at noon at the hospitality center in the Administration Building.

The fairgrounds are located at 317 South Dexter Street in Ionia.

Bring the kids and enjoy a day at the fair. See you there!

