



ONLINE MCO BARGAINING SURVEY OPENS TO MEMBERS NEXT WEEK

This fall, wages and health care will be bargained. Like in past years, the MCO Executive Board, which also serves as the bargaining team, wants members' input before negotiations begin.

Instead of mailing a paper survey, this year's survey will be online. Dues-paying members who have given MCO their home email address will receive an email with a link to the survey next week. All dues-paying members will also receive a post card in the mail with the link.

This user-friendly survey will only take

about 15 minutes to complete. The survey will request identifying information from you so your membership status can be verified. However, your responses will not be associated with your identity. Even though membership will be verified, please do not share the survey link with non-members.

Last year's survey response rate was 14 percent, so staff and leaders are taking steps to increase participation. Members will find this online survey more convenient and simple than the paper surveys.

Please note, in the future, you may

not receive a letter or postcard notifying you of surveys and online votes.

This is why it is so crucial that you provide MCO with your personal, home email address. **MCO will not email information on surveys or voting to state email addresses. If you have not provided us with your home email address, please do so now at mco-seiu.org (click "sign up for emails" on the right).** If you have any questions about the survey, please email mail@mco-seiu.org. Thanks in advance for your participation!

AROUND THE NATION: TEXAS AND PENNSYLVANIA COs DIE THIS WEEK

Rest in peace, Officer Johnson and Officer Moules



Two corrections officers were killed in the line of duty this week, one in Texas, and one in Pennsylvania.

Mari Johnson, 55, was found unresponsive in the early morning hours of July 16 at the French Robertson Unit, a prison near Abilene, Texas. Prisoner Dillion Gage Compton is accused of attacking her as she entered a storage area near the kitchen. Johnson was taken to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Johnson had complained about low staffing, her son said this week in a media interview. She had worked at the prison

since 2009. Johnson wanted to reach her 10-year work anniversary and then retire, her son said.

An investigation is under way. The findings will be turned over to the local district attorney.

Officer Kristopher Moules, 25, died July 18 after falling down an elevator shaft during an altercation with an inmate at the Luzerne County Prison in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

They were on the fifth floor when they ran into the closed elevator door. The door opened, and they fell into the shaft. The prisoner, Timothy D. Gilliam Jr., also died.

Before he was an officer, Moules was a college baseball player. An interest in pub-

lic service led him to a corrections career, his former coach told reporters.

These tragic deaths remind us of the dangerous jobs corrections officers do every day. When corrections officers complain about staffing, security, or safety, it's because they know the risks of their profession. They know that some who have gone before them have made the ultimate sacrifice. MCO leaders and staff thank you, members, for putting your lives on the line every day to keep the public safe.

Please keep these officers' families, friends, and coworkers in your thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace, Officer Johnson and Officer Moules.



Reminder: Sign up now for the MCO Crisis Fund Golf Outing!

Don't forget, the 20th annual Crisis Fund Golf Outing is Friday, Aug. 19.

Spots for four-person teams are still available. The cost is \$65 per person, and includes a cart, 18 holes, brats and

dogs at the turn, a luncheon, drinks and a free driving range. The event will be at Ledge Meadows Golf Course in Grand Ledge.

We are also looking for sponsors. The deadline to sponsor a tee or cart sign is 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. Anyone who sponsors by the deadline will have their name or company name included on a special

donor banner that will be prominently displayed at the outing.

The Crisis Fund supports MCO members facing catastrophe. It's a great way to support your fellow officers through times of tragedy.

To play or sponsor, get a sign up form at mco-seiu.org or call (800)451-4878.

See you there!