



BARGAINING UPDATE: BALLOT COUNT DELAYED UNTIL FRIDAY, NOV. 4

Due to the overflow of campaign material in the U.S. mail, MCO has been alerted that the timeframe in which our ballot mailing would be delivered may not allow our members the turnaround time needed in order for us to count all the ballots on Oct. 27.

In order to provide the time needed for all members to have their votes counted, we are extending the timeframe. **The date for counting the votes has**

been extended to Friday, Nov. 4.

Voting instructions mailed to members state the count will be taken Oct. 27. Please disregard that date.

The ballot mailing should be arriving at members' homes any day now. If you have not received your packet by Oct. 24, or you believe there's a problem with your packet, please call the MCO central office at (517)485-3310 or email receptionist@mco-seiu.org.

Remember, the mailing will arrive in a smaller envelope than in previous years – don't overlook it! The envelope will be marked "CONTRACT SUMMARY VOTING BALLOT ENCLOSED" and "TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL, please open immediately."

Once the votes are tallied, MCO will publish the results in a bulletin. Watch the KYI, MCO website, and MCO Facebook group for updates.

AROUND THE STATE: ICF OFFICER ASSAULTED; MARQUETTE INMATE STABBED

An ICF officer suffered abrasions and bruises in an assault Oct. 13.

The attack happened in Unit 3, a Level V. The CO was punched in the head and neck. An inmate hit the officer from behind and put him in a chokehold, COs said. He refused orders to stop. The prisoner continued to assault the officer until

more staff arrived.

The inmate was transferred to another facility. The officer has returned to work. Stay safe.

An MBP prisoner stabbed another inmate Oct. 6 with an ice pick-style weapon.

The attacked inmate suffered a collapsed lung. He was stabbed a total of 10 times in the chest, head, and neck, officers say. He received treatment at a hospital.

The assault happened on the Level V yard. Officers quickly responded. No staff injuries were reported.

MCO'S KINROSS APPRECIATION COOKOUT DRAWS A LARGE NUMBER OF COs

Nearly 200 officers and other corrections staff members came to the Kinross appreciation cookout last week.

MCO Executive Board and staff thanked members in person for their dedication, professionalism, and bravery during the riot last month. We can't say thank



you enough.

The new MCO Member Engagement Associates Olivia Toretta and Jim McHenry and Member Benefits Associate Tara Nichol organized this event.

MCO Executive Board Members Bill Henderson, Ed Clements, and Scott Waggoner cooked chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers. But before

anyone ate, we served lunch to seniors who were at the township hall. It was one small way we could give back to the community that came to officers' aid during the riot. We also welcomed new recruits from the training academy that started this week in Kinross.

Many MCO staff members and the Executive Board stepped up to make this event a success.

Thank you to all who attended. **See photos of the event on our Flickr page, flickr.com/mcoshots.**

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Thank you, Rotary Club of Ionia, for honoring corrections officers!

The Rotary Club of Ionia recognized the officers of the year from the Ionia facilities at a special event Wednesday.

They took their advocacy a step further by holding a silent auction at Wednesday's event to benefit the MCO Crisis Fund. The auction raised hundreds of dollars that will be used to support members facing a catastrophe. Thanks very much, Rotary Club of Ionia!

See more photos from Wednesday's event, plus photos from Thursday's Central Conference and other MCO events, on our Flickr page, flickr.com/mcoshots.



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