



## WATCH: DIGNITY VIDEO GETS THOUSANDS OF VIEWS!

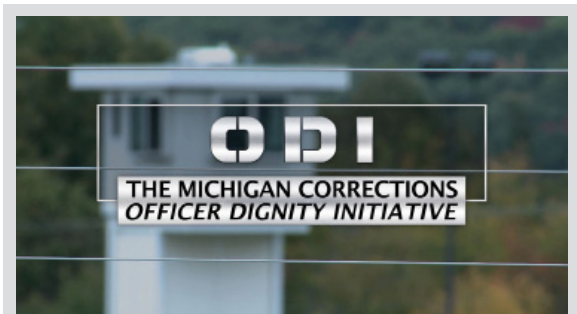
The Officer Dignity Initiative film is online now! Watch the video at [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org) or from our Facebook group, Michigan Corrections Organization

(Members Only).

As of 9 a.m. today, this video had 4,017 views! Thank you for watching. Please share this video with your family and friends. It might help them understand your profession and why MCO says corrections officers have Michigan's toughest job.

This film was unveiled at a screening Wednesday in Ionia. Thank you to the officers who attended!

More information on the Officer Dignity Initiative is at [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org).



A still image from the video. Watch the video now at [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org).

## AROUND THE STATE: RMI OFFICERS ASSAULTED; ICF INMATES BRAWL; DDC DETAINEES ALSO DEAL WITH SUBPAR FOOD

**Several staff assaults have occurred in the last few weeks at Michigan Reformatory.**

One CO found a weapon on an inmate Thursday during a shakedown on the Level IV yard. There was a struggle, and the weapon ended up on the ground. Another prisoner picked it up and refused orders to drop it. A Taser was deployed.

Both of the inmates were sent to segregation.

In an unrelated incident Thursday, an officer suffered minor injuries after an inmate swung at him in the Level II I-block. The prisoner became argumentative while reviewing a misconduct report with an officer. Another officer ordered him to return to his cell, and the inmate started throwing punches. The prisoner was transferred to another facility.

And last week at RMI, two officers were assaulted by a Level IV inmate in J-block. One of the COs had issued

him a sexual misconduct ticket.

Stay safe.

**Several inmates were sent to segregation after a gang-related fight Friday at Ionia Correctional Facility.**

The altercation happened in the chapel in the school building. No weapons were used, but one inmate threw a chair, an officer said.

Staff quickly responded.

**Detainees at the Detroit Detention Center were upset last week when juice had to be thrown away due to mold, an officer said.**

About 50 juice cartons contained mold. When staff noticed the problem, all the juice cartons were confiscated and trashed. More juice cartons were delivered from the Detroit Reentry Center, but they were expired and also contained mold.

MCO represents officers working at DDC.

## DEFINED CONTRIBUTIONS AUTOMATICALLY INCREASED

MCO has received several calls from members regarding the VOYA pre-tax savings rate increasing by 1 percent.

MCO's Member Benefits department has reached out to VOYA and the Office of Retirement Services and has found out the following information. VOYA received direction from ORS Nov. 9. to send postcards regarding the increase, known as the Small Step Program, and opt-out information to Defined Contribution plan employees. Many members report only receiving a communication about this program on Dec. 21. ORS claims the postcards were sent out in the mail.

After speaking with VOYA, they are allowing members to opt out of the program due to the confusion, but they must do so by phone. Call the VOYA plan information hotline at 1-800-748-6128.

Please direct any further questions or concerns to MCO's Member Benefits department at 517-485-3310.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS' CHILDREN — FIRST DEADLINE JAN. 31!

Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 academic year are now on the MCO website.

Union Plus and MCO offer scholarships for children of active members.

MCO's program will award 20 scholarships worth \$750 each.

Don't delay – the first deadline is Jan. 31 for the Union Plus Scholarship. MCO's is June 1. Good luck!