



AROUND THE NATION: DELAWARE SERGEANT TAKEN HOSTAGE, DIES; DDC COs RECOGNIZED; NOROVIRUS SPREADS AT SMT

A prison sergeant died Thursday during a standoff at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna, Delaware, but he may have saved the lives of others in his final moments.

Steven Floyd, 47, was one of four staff members taken hostage by inmates at the prison Wednesday. *To read more about Floyd and the standoff, go to our website, mco-seiu.org.*

Floyd, a 16-year veteran with the Department, leaves behind a wife, children, and grandchildren. Please pray for peace for his family, friends, and all Delaware corrections staff during this tragic time.

Rest in peace, Sgt. Floyd.

MCO leaders and staff thank all corrections employees for putting your lives on the line every day to keep the public safe.

Three officers at the Detroit Detention Center have been nominated for Lifesaving Awards.

Officers D. Pray, M. Broderick, and J. Green helped resuscitate a detainee Jan. 20. The detainee failed to answer his call to appear for court via video. Officers

found him unresponsive. Pray administered CPR, while Green got the nurse. Broderick used the AED. The detainee survived, officers said.

Deputy Warden Terry Tellez said the staff's response was quick and professional.

"That's the case with every response here at DDC," Tellez said. "The staff respond phenomenally in every crisis situation, and we have many of them. Many detainees were on the streets just minutes before coming under our supervision. It's fast-paced, but the staff handle these emergencies outstandingly well." *Congratulations, officers!*

Parnall is experiencing a Norovirus outbreak.

As many as 50 inmates have shown symptoms of the virus, officers said. A few staff members have also reported symptoms. The facility is being sanitized with bleach and water.

All transfers in or out of Parnall have been halted until at least Monday. Visits are being allowed for inmates who are well.

CORRECTIONS REFORM BEING DEBATED IN LEGISLATURE

Over the past few legislative cycles, a lot of attention has been given to corrections reform both nationally and here in the state of Michigan.

As the union tasked with the safety and security of the institutions, MCO takes these reforms very seriously and believes all members should be informed and aware of the conversations and actions being taken in Lansing.

While these reforms are being presented as a way to impact the MDOC in a positive way, questions remain on the package as a whole and the impact certain aspects could have on operations,

population decline and security overall.

To learn more about the proposed legislation, read a Detroit Free Press article that lays out the individual bills and what they do, at <http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2017/02/02/criminal-justice-reform-bills-michigan/97396594/>

As these bills work their way through the legislative process, we will update the membership and communicate any new information. Please take time to read the proposed package and contact your representative or senators on individual concerns.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS SELECTED!

Please join us in congratulating all facility Officers of the Year and the five finalists!

- **Corrections Officer Cary Johnson**
G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
- **Corrections Officer Karolyn Holden**
Oaks Correctional Facility
- **Corrections Officer John Klapish**
Saginaw Correctional Facility
- **Corrections Officer Sherlyn Wilson**
Thumb Correctional Facility
- **Corrections Officer Phil Allen**
Woodland Center Correctional Facility

The statewide Officer of the Year will be selected in late February. More information on all of the finalists will be in the KYI then.

Again, congratulations to all!

PRESCRIPTION PROBLEMS? LET MCO KNOW

MCO has heard about issues with prescriptions during the change over from MedImpact to OptumRX. The MCO Member Benefits department has been in contact with Employee Benefits. We ask that members experiencing any difficulty call or email our Member Benefits department with the following information:

- Name and employee ID number;
- The name of the prescription drug;
- Difference in co-pay or co-insurance costs;
- Any communication the member has had with OptumRX or the specialty pharmacy BriovaRX

Please email cherelyn@mco-seiu.org or tara@mco-seiu.org, or call (517)485-3310 and ask for Cherelyn or Tara.

We will keep the membership informed about any updates regarding this situation.