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READ THE WINTER MCO REPORT

The Winter 2017 MCO Report is online now! This is the second issue of our online-only format. This new format is optimized for online reading and includes lots of handy links to quickly email us, jump to an important website, etc.

The Winter 2017 MCO Report has great information about:

- The Officer Dignity Initiative – how it started, what we were able to accomplish, and more.
- Officers on the job at IBC and RGC.
- The Fallen Officers Memorial and the search for information on an officer who possibly died in the line of duty

nearly 100 years ago.

- The hundreds of corrections officers hired in 2016 (and more hiring set for this year).
- Officer of the Year Cary Johnson and finalists.
- The KCF riot and what's being done now.
- The 32-hour rule arbitration decision.
- The status of the RUO lawsuit.
- And much more!

Read it now at mco-seiu.org.



DID YOU READ THE IN-DEPTH?

This week, MCO issued an important In-Depth concerning the corrections budget and discussions about possible future closures.

The governor's budget recommendation does not call for a closure; however, legislators have continued to show interest in one to save money. Also, MDOC Director Heidi Washington recently testified before a legislative committee about the department's approach to handling the current population decrease.

Read the MCO In-Depth now at mco-seiu.org.

CARSON CITY OFFICERS UNCOVER DRUGS, RESPOND TO SEVERAL FIGHTS

Contraband and fights have kept DRF officers busy.

No serious injuries were reported after an inmate fight Wednesday in the Level IV 500 unit.

Also Wednesday, an officer found Suboxone during a shakedown of a cube in the Level I G-unit. It was folded in scraps of paper. This inmate had two previous substance abuse tickets. He was taken to segregation.

The previous day, a two-inmate fight

broke out while inmates were waiting in medication lines. The scuffle started when an inmate wanted to cut in line. Officer Topolewski was managing med lines, and he quickly intervened. CO Topolewski radioed for help, and staff arrived in seconds, he said.

"I think the quick presence of other staff responding made it so the situation wasn't worse and everybody stayed safe. They all did a great job," CO Topolewski said.

Last week, staff found Suboxone while packing up an inmate to move to another unit. The prisoner was being moved from the Level I B-unit to a Level IV unit for protection after he was assaulted the previous day.

MCO wants to know what's going on at your facility. Even something that may seem routine to an officer may surprise legislators, reporters, and others who read the KYI.

Help us spread awareness of what it's like to work inside the walls. You can email mail@mco-seiu.org.

Ticket contest: Pistons v. Cavaliers March 9

Enter to win a pair of tickets to the Detroit Pistons game on Thursday, March 9th when they host the 2016 NBA Champions, the Cleveland Cavaliers! You must be a dues paying member in good standing to enter.

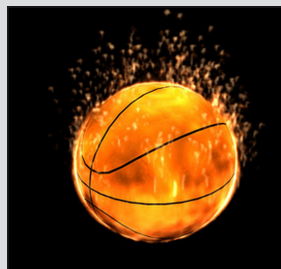
Just answer this question: How many NBA Championship rings does LeBron James have?

Send your answer to olivia@mco-seiu.org by 11 a.m. on Monday, March 6th. You must send your

answer from your home email address; submissions from state email addresses will not be accepted.

The winner will be drawn and notified Monday afternoon.

Good luck!



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