



## SEVERAL FIGHTS, ASSAULTS, AND CONTRABAND JOLT ICF

Several fights, assaults, and contraband have kept Ionia Correctional Facility of-ficers busy for weeks.

An officer was able to block strikes from an inmate who started throwing punches while being led out of segregation May 11. COs and other staff immediately responded. The officer wasn't injured. The inmate was being moved from Unit 2 (ad-ministrative segregation) to Unit 3 (Level V general population). Officers say the prisoner lashed out because he was afraid of going back to general population. The inmate misconduct policy now only allows 10 days of detention, which has made seg a revolving door at ICF, officers said.

Two cell phones were found in Unit 5 (Level V general population) May 12 and 13. These were just the most recent

instances of phones or drugs being found in this unit, officers said. A substance found in the unit earlier this month tested positive for meth in a field test. Suspected heroin and Suboxone have also been discovered in the unit in the last several months.

A two-inmate fight broke out near Unit 1 May 16. Officers quickly intervened and recovered a weapon.

Two days later, a CO intervened when an inmate started stabbing another pris-oner who was doing pushups on the Unit 3 yard. Another officer sprained his knee while running to respond.

A sexual assault was also reported last week. A prisoner grabbed a food service worker inappropriately, officers said.

## HURRY! MCO SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS JUNE 1

Don't forget, the postmark deadline for MCO Scholarship applications is June 1.

MCO offers scholarships for members' children who will enter or return to college

this fall. Twenty scholarships of \$750 each will be awarded. Go to [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org) to print an application or get more info.

Good luck!

## IONIA MEMBERS: JOIN US FOR 401(K) MEETING JUNE 21

Ionia-area members are invited to at-tend a special 401(k) information session presented by Mainstay Capital Manage-ment and MCO.

The event will be at 11 a.m. June 21 at Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility. [See a flyer.](#)

Please RSVP to [tara@mco-seiu.org](mailto:tara@mco-seiu.org) or [cherelyn@mco-seiu.org](mailto:cherelyn@mco-seiu.org) by June 16 if you would like to attend. This event is for MCO members only and is open to all members in the Ionia area.

Many members have indicated they'd

like guidance in retirement planning. This is just another way MCO is stepping up to meet members' needs.

Mainstay is a Michigan-based indepen-dent advisor that actively manages 401(k) and 457 retirement accounts. Mainstay can actively manage your retirement accounts as well as counsel you on a number of financial planning topics. Mainstay has worked with UAW members for decades.

Members who attend will also get information on MCO's new Member Ben-efits Department.

## MILITARY MEMBERS HOST PIE SOCIAL FOR VETERANS JUNE 3

The MCO Military Members Commit-tee will be hosting a pie social at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System at noon Saturday, June 3.

MCO members who are current or former military members are invited to

join us as we serve and chat with veterans. The VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System is located at 2215 Fuller Rd. in Ann Arbor.

If you are interested in attending or need more information, contact John Hassen at [hassen48169@hotmail.com](mailto:hassen48169@hotmail.com).



## IN MEMORIAM: BARNEY AND RAINES Saginaw Officer Nicole Barney passed away unex- pectedly May 11.

Barney started with the MDOC in 2015. She leaves behind a young daugh-ter.

Please pray for Barney's friends and family and SRF staff during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Officer Barney.

Saginaw staff are planning a cookout fundraiser June 2 for all three shifts. Pro-ceeds will go to a college fund for Barney's daughter. SRF members, watch your bul-letin board for more info.

## MTU hearings investigator Sally Raines passed away May 15.

Raines had 28 years in with the MDOC. Please join us in wishing peace for her fam-ily, friends, and MTU staff. Rest in peace, Investigator Raines.

## KEEP CALLING ON SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL!

Last week, MCO sent an important email asking members to call legislators and tell them to oppose the Senate's bud-get proposal, which would give MDOC \$41.6 million less than the Governor's proposed budget. [Read the email here.](#)

**We still need you to call. Look up your Senator here and your Represent-ative here.** Senators are our top priority, but House members need to hear our concerns, too.

The cuts would impact every facility and include the removal of \$4.3 million for the training of 177 new corrections of-ficers. It would likely force the premature closing of another prison, putting officer safety at risk.

**This issue is time sensitive and of the utmost importance.** We need to generate as many calls as possible to make our voices heard before it's too late. Please call now.