



SEE YOU AT THE FALLEN OFFICERS MEMORIAL DEDICATION SUNDAY!

We are only days away from the unveiling of the Fallen Officers Memorial!

Members, if you are planning to attend the memorial dedication May 7, please wear your MDOC uniform. MDOC administration has given MCO members special permission to wear their uniform at this momentous event. Let's make a sea of gray to show our dedication and pride to serving Michigan communities. We'd like to get the largest photo of uniformed corrections officers in MCO history! Recruits currently attending the academy are also encouraged to attend and

wear their uniforms.

Please plan to stay for the open house and reception following the ceremony. We'll have several exhibits set up where members and guests can learn more about corrections and MCO's new work to engage members like never before.

If you can't attend the unveiling, do the next best thing – watch a livestream of the memorial dedication! You can watch the stream on the [MCO website](#) starting at 1 p.m. EST Sunday.

You can also watch a livestream of the event in our [members-only Facebook](#)

[group](#).

Whether you are here in person or watching from home, please use the hashtag #MCOmemorial when you post about the memorial event on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. This in effect will give us a real-time journal of the day's festivities.

A memorial had been discussed for years. Now is the time. Thank you, members and friends, for your continued support. See you Sunday!

For more info on the Fallen Officers Memorial, go to mco-seiu.org/memorial.

AROUND THE NATION: NC SERGEANT KILLED BY INMATE; MBP INMATE SLIPS RESTRAINTS

Meggan Callahan, a North Carolina prison sergeant who was killed in the line of duty last week, was a sister in SEIU.

Callahan, 29, worked at the Bertie Correctional Institution in Windsor, North Carolina. In a brutal attack, she was assaulted with a fire extinguisher when she tried to put out a fire, media outlets reported. An inmate serving a life sentence for murder has been accused of targeting and killing her.

Callahan's survivors include her parents, two sisters, and her fiancé.

SEIU Local 2008, also known as

SEANC, represented Callahan, and she had been a member since 2012. SEANC has set up a fund to help Callahan's family with funeral and other expenses. Information of the fund can be found on [SEANC's website](#).

Please join us in wishing peace for Callahan's family, friends, and coworkers. Rest in peace, Sgt. Callahan.

A Marquette inmate slipped his leg irons while in a transportation vehicle and was found guilty of an escape attempt ticket.

Officers were transporting the inmate

back to the facility from a hospital April 22 when he found a way to remove the restraints. The inmate didn't escape. When the transportation vehicle arrived back at MBP, staff immediately saw his leg irons were missing. The restraints had been double-locked, and officers don't know how they could have been removed.

"Maybe we can learn from this," one officer said.

Officers, if you are aware of any methods inmates could use to slip leg irons, please let MCO know. You can email mail@mco-seiu.org.

401(k) MEETING TO BE HELD IN COLDWATER MAY 17

Coldwater-area members are invited to attend a special 401(k) information session presented by Mainstay Capital Management and MCO.

The event will be at 11 a.m. May 17 at Best Western Plus. 630 E. Chicago St., Coldwater, MI. [See a flyer](#).

Please RSVP to tara@mco-seiu.org or cherelyn@mco-seiu.org by May 12 if you would like to attend. This event is for MCO members only.

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 independent 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 Benefits Department. See you there!

CORRECTIONS BUDGET UPDATE

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections has removed \$41.6 million dollars from the Governor's recommended corrections budget, as reported in the MCO In-Depth April 27.

The Senate's budget recommendation leaves the challenge of how to achieve those savings to the MDOC. However, the Senate recommendation would eliminate \$4.3 million in one-time funding to train 177 corrections officers to meet projected attrition needs. This would worsen the officer shortage, as about 60 officers retire, promote, or resign every month. [Read the In-Depth on our website](#) for more.