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## AROUND THE STATE: JCS OFFICERS RESPOND TO ESCAPE ATTEMPT

**Five corrections officers were exposed to an inmate's blood after he was cut on razor wire during an escape attempt at Cooper Street.**

The Level I prisoner tried to escape during yard time just before 6 p.m. Saturday. He ran to the fence behind A and B units. Officers had to pull him off the fence more than once and deploy Tasers. Luckily, due to the staff's fast response, he never made it over the interior fence. MCO leaders commend all staff on duty at JCS that evening for their quick and courageous actions.

The prisoner grabbed the fence's razor wire with his bare hands and suffered several cuts. Five of the responding officers were sent to a hospital for blood exposure. No other injuries were reported. The inmate was checked out at a hospital and has been transferred to another facility.

The PSV was not making a round at the time of the escape attempt. One PSV was placed on continuous rounds after the incident.

Many workers never fear being exposed to bodily fluids on the job. But when corrections officers go to work,

they must be prepared for anything. The blood exposures reinforce one of MCO's key messages: corrections officers are first responders in a prison, and their jobs often require them to sacrifice their safety and well-being. MCO is constantly pushing to increase public awareness and appreciation of the hazards encountered by corrections officers. MCO leaders and staff see and appreciate the dangers members face every day when they enter the facilities. Thank you, officers, FSAs, and all members, for your dedication to keeping prisons and communities safe.

**A Macomb officer's arm was slashed when he intervened in a prisoner fight Sunday.**

The inmate cut the CO's left forearm with a metal shank made from part of a locker. The officer needed six stitches. He returned to work yesterday.

The altercation happened between two Level IV inmates while they were walking to chow. The officer deployed his Taser and was trying to contain one of the inmates when he was cut. If the CO hadn't quickly intervened, one of

the inmates may have been stabbed in the head or neck.

**An Alger officer was dressed out with feces June 13.** He was struck in the waist area, and was given a replacement uniform to wear, an officer said.

Earlier this month, an LMF staff member was exposed to blood while responding to an inmate's medical emergency.

### MDOC BUDGET UPDATE

The FY '18 budget, totaling nearly \$57 billion, now awaits Gov. Rick Snyder's signature.

The omnibus budget bill, [HB 4323](#), was approved by the House and Senate this week. It calls for \$6.5 million less in MDOC spending than the department received in FY '17. The Senate initially wanted to eliminate training 177 new COs to save money, but the budget passed this week restored the spending.

Overall, the general fund budget now before the governor calls for spending about 2 percent more than FY '17.