



FY '18 BUDGET UPDATE: FUNDING RESTORED FOR NEW RECRUITS

MCO got its first look at the revised Department of Corrections budget at the joint House and Senate conference committee on Wednesday.

The committee opted not to adopt the Senate's \$41 million in cuts but did agree to \$17.5 million less than what Gov. Rick Snyder had requested for corrections. Each of the state's facilities, with the exception of Huron Valley Women's, will get a .99 percent cut for a combined \$10 million in savings. According to the House Fiscal Agency, this equates to roughly \$357,143 per facility, but the MDOC is still evaluating the proposal and has yet to release a detailed statement on its implica-

tions prison by prison.

MCO was successful in swaying public and legislative opinion on the need to restore \$4.4 million in funding to train an additional 177 new corrections officers in FY 2018. With nearly 600 vacancies statewide, this will theoretically give the department the ability to hire over 500+ new officers in the next 18 months as we struggle to achieve adequate and safe staffing levels throughout the state.

For a full summary on the updated budget proposal, [read the InDepth on our website](#). Also, read a [news article](#) on the budget that includes comments from MCO.

Points of note:

- \$4.4 million to train 177 new corrections officers was restored.
- \$4 million increase in the Trinity food contract was reduced to \$3 million.
- \$3.5 million increase in the Corizon Health Care Contract was reduced to \$2 million.
- \$1.5 million expansion in the Wayne County Residential Alternative to Prison project was eliminated.

AROUND THE STATE: MUSKEGON INMATE BURNS CORRECTIONS OFFICER

A probationary officer at MCF suffered second-degree burns when a Level II inmate threw scalding water on her May 31.

She was sitting at an officers' desk in a housing unit when an inmate came out of a kitchenette, walked around the desk, and threw the water on her, other officers reported. The water seeped through her clothes and burned her shoulder and back.

The officer was treated at a hospital

and has returned to work.

The prisoner was transferred to another prison.

A Level IV Cotton inmate assaulted an ARUS during his disciplinary hearing June 2.

The prisoner grabbed a document from the ARUS's hand and hurt her wrist in the process, officers said. She wasn't seriously injured.

The prisoner was transferred.

An LMF inmate's homemade battery burst into flames May 26.

The Level IV inmate made the battery for his tape player.

Officers quickly extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

Employee Recreation Day



MDOC brings back Employee Recreation Day

For the first time in more than 10 years, the MDOC will host Employee Recreation

Day Friday, July 14 at Riverwood Resort in Mt. Pleasant. All MDOC employees, retirees, and their adult guests are invited. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and events start at 10 a.m.

Activities include golf, canvas painting, bowling, bingo, bocce ball, card games, and more. Many activities are free, but some will cost a fee.

The day will wrap up with a dinner from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please register by June 26. Complete details, including registration and payment information, can be found in [this flyer](#).



IN MEMORIAM: STEVEN McCRUM

RGC Officer Steven McCrum passed away unexpectedly May 28.

McCrum had almost 18 years with the MDOC. He is the May 2017 RGC Employee of the Month. An officer who worked with McCrum said he was a selfless person who was always there for his friends in times of need.

Please join us in wishing peace for McCrum's family, friends, and coworkers at RGC.

Rest in peace, CO McCrum.