



AROUND THE STATE: LMF, LCF, DRF OFFICERS RESPOND TO INMATE DEATH, STABBINGS

A Level IV Alger inmate is suspected in the death of his cell mate Thursday.

The prisoner was pronounced dead at about 2 p.m. in the Pine unit. Police are investigating.

The suspect was just transferred Monday to LMF from a Level V unit at another facility. He was screened as a Level V, but his previous facility waived him to Level IV, MCO was told.

About an hour before the death, COs responded to an inmate-on-inmate fight in front of the Level IV Maple unit. A weapon was recovered. No serious injuries were reported.

Two Lakeland inmates have been stabbed in the last several days.

The first was on July 15. A prisoner was in his room in C-unit (Level II) when he was stabbed in the neck and back.

On July 18, a prisoner in the Level II E-building was stabbed several times in the back, neck, and side. Both of his lungs collapsed, and he was taken by helicopter to a hospital. Officers described the weapon as an 8-inch piece

of sharpened aluminum.

COs responded quickly and appropriately to both assaults.

A Carson City inmate threw a fan at a CO and broke a broomstick over his knee Thursday. The officer wasn't hit by the fan and no staff injuries were reported.

The Level II inmate was mad that he lost his job due to a ticket, an officer said.

After Thursday's incident, the prisoner was charged with threatening behavior, assault on staff, creating a disturbance, and disobeying a direct order.

Also at DRF, a Level IV inmate stabbed another prisoner July 13 in the chow hall. The attacker had just been released from segregation earlier that day. He had been involved in a stabbing about a week earlier. Officers described the weapon as a 4-inch piece of sharpened metal with a handle.

No major injuries were reported.

Thank you, officers, for your dedication to Michigan's toughest job.

IN MEMORIAM: CO HOWARD



ARF Member Allen Howard passed away July 18.

Howard was the first-shift school officer. He had 16 years with the MDOC. He was also a

member of the Adrian Township Fire Department.

Visitation is Saturday, July 22, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Anderson-Mary Funeral Home, 3050 W. Beecher Rd. in Adrian. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at the same location.

Please keep Howard's family, friends, and Gus Harrison staff in your thoughts.

Rest in peace, Officer Howard.

Annual Children's Day picnic is Aug. 19

The Detroit Children's Day Picnic will be Saturday, Aug. 19 at Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville.

The picnic will include bounce houses, Body Bouncers, music, airbrush tattoos, Disney characters, video game bus, lots of great food, and more. Plus, kids can get a backpack full of school supplies!

The fun starts at noon and lasts all day. Employees at Detroit-area facilities and all MCO members are invited. The picnic is a long-standing tradition that brings together corrections employees for a day of family fun!

Help us serve veterans in Ann Arbor July 29



The MCO Military Members Committee will be hosting a cake social at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare

System at noon Saturday, July 29.

MCO members who are current or former military members are invited to join us as we serve and chat

with about 40 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, please contact CMO John Hassen at has-sen48169@hotmail.com.

Learn more about the MCO Military Members Committee on the [MCO website](#).