



## MCO KEEPING UP THE ENGAGEMENT MOMENTUM WITH NEW INITIATIVES

Have your heard about MCO's new initiatives to engage members?

MCO leaders and staff have embarked on member engagement sessions; started an intense leadership development program; and built political capacity by taking a member-driven approach to legislation and endorsements. Read more about these initiatives

in the [MCO Report](#).

MCO has also launched One

Voice, a national campaign to bring corrections officers' voices into the corrections reform conversation that's sweeping the U.S. More info on One Voice will be in the next MCO Report.

Have you gotten involved? A good place to start is asking your chapter leadership about listening meetings

and other MCO meetings at your facility.

Also, take the time to read our

emails ([sign up for emails here](#)), [web-site](#), [KYI](#), and [MCO Report](#). Please provide the MCO central office with your personal email address so we can communicate with you about potentially sensitive information.

If you haven't already, stop by the MCO central office to view the [Fallen Officers Memorial](#) and get a [commemorative coin](#).

We won't be able to transform MCO overnight. But with persistence, we can improve our union and touch all members' lives. MCO leadership is taking concrete steps to understand our members' needs in these changing times and how the union can better serve everyone we represent.



A recent engagement session with MCO staff and Macomb members.

## AROUND THE STATE: MAGGOTS SPOTTED AT JCF; TWO INMATES STABBED IN MELEE AT MCF; INMATE CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER IN CMO ASSAULT

**Maggots were found twice in the last week at Cotton.**

They were first spotted Saturday in the main kitchen, known as Cotton food service. Officers say they saw maggots near hot boxes, which are used to keep food warm during serving lines and delivery to high-level housing units. The area was sanitized.

More maggots were discovered Wednesday in bananas in the prison's other kitchen, known as temp food service.

Everyone deserves healthy, nutritious food prepared in a sanitary environment. MCO members still have serious concerns about privatized food service. Members are still encouraged to let the MCO central office know about any food problems at the facilities. Email [mail@mco-seiu.org](mailto:mail@mco-seiu.org).

**Two Muskegon inmates were stabbed Tuesday.**

One prisoner suffered about 14 stab wounds and the other inmate was stabbed twice, officers said. The two assaults happened about 15 minutes apart. Three weapons were recovered. About 10 Level II inmates from Units 3 and 4 were involved and sent to segregation.

Several COs and non-custody staff quickly responded. No staff injuries were reported. Great job to the officers who responded to this altercation.

**Here's an update on a [KYI story](#) reported a year ago.**

A Woodland Correctional Center officer was strangled when he entered an inmate's cell July 11, 2016. The prisoner had lathered up his cell floor with something slippery, causing of-

ficers to fall. As they fell, the inmate allegedly grabbed one CMO by the neck and choked him, MCO reported at the time. The CMO was admitted to the hospital with serious injuries to his back, neck, and knee.

Since then, Livingston County prosecutors have charged the prisoner with assault with intent to commit murder, assault by strangulation, and assault of a prison employee. He faces a life sentence if convicted of assault with intent to commit murder. The prisoner is scheduled to make his next court appearance in September.

The assaulted officer returned to work in May.

"It's good for people to know how dangerous this job is," the CMO said.

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