



AROUND THE STATE: TCF OFFICER ASSAULTED; DRONE PROBLEM GROWS AS ANOTHER DISCOVERED, THIS TIME AT DRC; ICF INMATE SLASHED

A Thumb prisoner threw hot dishwasher in an officer's eyes and then attacked him with a lock on a cable cord.

"I thank the Lord that I'm alive," the CO said.

An inmate in the Level II Cord unit assaulted him Sept. 22 at the end of second shift. The CO was watching the unit from the officer's podium, which has a kitchenette behind it. The inmate had warmed dishwasher in the microwave and then called the officer's name. As the CO turned, the inmate threw the hot water in his face.

"It burnt so bad, so fast," the officer said. The scalding water felt like acid on his face, he added.

With the other hand, the prisoner hit the officer on the side of the head with a lock on the end of a cable cord.

A large number of COs responded within seconds.

The officer went to a hospital. He suffered first and second degree burns on his face and an injury to the cornea of his right eye. He also needed six staples.

The officer thinks this inmate assaulted him in retaliation for writing a ticket and shaking down his cell.

TCF Chapter President Pat McGough assembled a workgroup to review video footage of the incident and determine who may have been involved.

"Kudos to them for looking out for us and going the extra mile," the CO said.

Please wish this officer a quick recovery. Watch your back, watch your partners' back, and stay safe.

A drone crashed into the sally port fence Tuesday at the Detroit Reentry Center.

The drone was apparently flying too low, hit the fence, and fell to the ground, an officer said. Two Corrections Transpor-

tation Officers found the drone when they approached the sally port to go on a run. One of them heard the motor still running as the drone lied on the ground.

No contraband was found.

There have been several confirmed sightings of a drone near a Michigan prison this year. Read more about the previous occurrences in the [Aug. 25 KYI](#). MCO is still heavily advocating for more legislation and regulation of drones near prisons.

An ICF prisoner slashed another inmate's face during a yard fight Wednesday.

Three Level V inmates from Unit 4 gathered on the yard and started punching each other. One inmate apparently had a weapon and cut one of the other prisoners.

After reviewing camera footage, staff determined the armed prisoner threw the weapon on the ground, and a Unit 4 inmate who wasn't involved in the fight picked it up. Officers searched the area and found a weapon.

COs also found a weapon in a pair of inmate gloves near the yard fence. Staff think this one wasn't used in the brawl. Both weapons are flat pieces of metal sharpened to a point and wrapped with a cloth handle.

The involved inmates were escorted to segregation, and staff shook down Unit 4.

Also on Wednesday, a prisoner spit on an officer during a major court hearing. The prisoner received tickets for assault and battery and threatening behavior.

It was also reported that ICF prisoners are removing metal pieces from JP5 tablets. The tablets are similar to MP3 players but with more functionality.

Alger inmates were on edge thanks to issues stemming from a kitchen

remodel.

Inmates are eating cold meals in the day rooms due to the remodel. Some prisoners started flushing food bags and Styrofoam down the toilets, which led to a sewer backup in the Spruce unit Sept. 19. Prisoners in the affected part of Spruce unit gathered their belongings off the floor and were evacuated to the day room. Water was shut off, and water bottles and portable toilets were brought in. The lines were unclogged early the next day. Thank you to all the officers who had to work through this disruption.

The kitchen remodel is scheduled to wrap up in mid-October, a CO said.

Other recent events:

9/20:

- CO assaulted by inmate in the Aspen unit (seg).

9/23:

- Inmate in Level IV Pine unit reports being assaulted and robbed by cell mate.
- Two gang-related assaults broke out on the Level II Spruce yard in less than 10 minutes. No serious injuries reported.
- Two-inmate fight on the Level IV Cedar unit small yard. Both inmates sent to seg. No serious injuries were reported.

9/24:

- Inmate-on-inmate assault in Level IV Pine unit. One inmate sent to seg. No injuries.

New ticket contest for members!

The MCO Member Benefits Department is giving away a Grand Rapids Griffins gift package.

The package includes a stuffed mascot, Tyler Bertuzzi bobble head, and four tickets good for any home game in the 2017-2018 regular season.

Go to mco-seiu.org for details on how to enter. A winner will be chosen Oct. 3.