



## MOVE FORWARD: THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY

Corrections staff might be hidden behind prison walls, but when their shift is over, they are a visible force for good in their communities.

Whether they're coaching little league sports, fighting fires, or working at a food pantry, corrections staff volunteer their time to serve and improve communities.

Community is the second theme in MCO's new [Move Forward](#) Campaign.

Through the campaign, we'll introduce a new value, accompanied by an inspirational poster, every month until Labor Day 2018. There will also be videos, stories, and more to celebrate Move Forward and our 50 years of advocacy on behalf of corrections officers and forensic security assistants. Look for this community poster in your facility soon.

MCO is leading a state and national campaign aimed at elevating the corrections profession in the eyes of department administrators, lawmakers, the media, and the public. We have been cultivating relationships with MDOC ad-

ministration, legislators, and other policy makers so our advocacy for corrections officers will have a greater impact.

For years, MCO members have pushed for increased engagement and communication. These are your messages. Thank you, members, for your continued support.

Corrections staff can help by establishing even more relationships in their communities. Find something you're passionate about and get involved. Talk to people about your job – the training, the stress, and the recruitment needs. Tell them you're a first-responder, a teacher, and a mentor

wrapped into one. Make sure they know that you protect and care about your community.

We asked some corrections officers why it's important to volunteer in their communities. [Read their comments on our website.](#) Are you volunteering in your community? Let us know. You can email Communications Director Anita Lloyd at [anita@mco-seiu.org](mailto:anita@mco-seiu.org) with a description of your volunteer work. Thanks, members!



The second value in the Move Forward campaign is Community. [Click here to view it larger on our website.](#)

## AROUND THE STATE: CFP STAFF ASSAULTED; DRONE AT IBC

**Two staff members at the Forensic Center were assaulted by a patient Oct. 13.**

The patient had thrown hot water into another patient's face while in the program area. An activity therapist told him to stop. The patient started to walk away, but came back and jumped on the therapist's back and punched her, an FSA told MCO. Another patient intervened, and FSAs quickly responded.

While being escorted back to his unit to cool down, the patient punched an FSA in the back of the head and bit her arm, breaking the skin.

Another FSA was hurt breaking up a fight Oct. 16. She suffered a serious arm injury.

Thanks, CFP staff, for your dedication. Stay safe.

## A drone was seen hovering over Bellamy Creek Tuesday night.

The drone was spotted near the IBC dormitory, then flew to the main prison and hovered over the unit 4 and 5 small yards, an officer said. It flew near MR and then toward the city of Ionia.

Day rooms were shut down so officers could respond, the officer said. No contraband was reported.

## An ICF inmate stabbed another prisoner with a 5-inch metal weapon Oct. 14.

The inmates in housing unit 5 (Level V) were returning from showers when the assailant stabbed the other inmate from behind. Officers immediately responded and confiscated the weapon.

## Crisis Fund Gun Raffle tickets going fast!

Time is running out to get your 2017 Crisis Fund raffle tickets!

The first prize is \$1,000. Two crossbows and five firearms are also up for grabs.

Other cash prizes and gift certificates for Kalahari and Cedar Point are also in the raffle.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

See your chapter leaders to buy tickets. The raffle will be held Nov. 1 at the MCO Central Conference. You don't have to be present to win.

All proceeds go to the MCO Crisis Fund, which helps members facing a catastrophe.