



NEW MCO VIDEO: GRATITUDE AMID ADVERSITY

Corrections officers come from many different backgrounds and walks of life. But certain virtues – respect, humility, gratitude – unite them all.

In a new video, Michigan Corrections Officer Jorge Miller talks about his gratefulness for the direction and values instilled in him by his parents, who passed away when he was a teenager.

These are some of the same values Michigan Corrections Organization is lifting up as part of [Move Forward](#), MCO's campaign to elevate corrections and forensic officers in the criminal justice system and celebrate MCO's 50 years of advocacy. MCO is changing the narrative on corrections work by drawing attention to the diverse and professional work expected of modern-day corrections and forensic officers.

Despite the adversity he faced, Officer Miller made good choices. Now, he's a corrections officer setting an example for inmates and others.

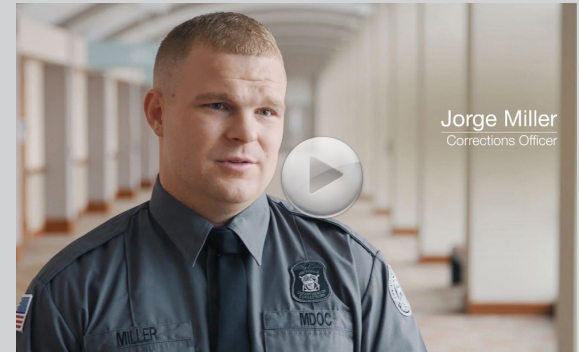
"(When my mom died,) I told her that I was going to make something of myself

and be someone someday, for her," CO Miller said.

The day he graduated from the Michigan Department of Corrections Training Academy in the David Bergh class was a proud day for Miller. He said his primary focus in his new career is custody and security. Beyond that, he hopes to guide inmates to prepare for release and reintegration into society.

CO Miller volunteered to tell his story because he knows how important it is to change the narrative on corrections work. MCO always seeks permission from members before sharing their stories.

Many Michigan corrections officers share a sense of thankfulness for their parents, mentors, coworkers, and others who encouraged them to make good choices and do the right thing even when it was a challenge. There are many admirable Michigan corrections officers who



Jorge Miller
Corrections Officer

In a new video, Officer Jorge Miller talks about how values instilled in him by his parents guided his life and led to his career in corrections. This video was produced as part of MCO's [Move Forward](#) campaign.

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are setting good examples for other staff, inmates, and their community. Do you or one of your coworkers have an inspirational story? MCO wants to hear from you and lift up your stories. This is how we start to change the narrative on corrections work. Email MCO Communications Director [Anita Lloyd](#).

AROUND THE STATE: WCC, LMF STAFF ASSAULTED

A WCC officer was choked and suffered a broken ankle in a tussle with an inmate Jan. 19.

A corrections medical officer was making rounds in pod 8 when the prisoner jumped in front of him and became hostile. The prisoner grabbed the officer in a choke hold. Another CMO tried to break the hold but couldn't. A mental health worker made a radio call for help. A lieutenant and a sergeant arrived and broke the hold.

This inmate has a history of assaulting staff, an officer said.

If staff hadn't responded and broken the prisoner's hold, this officer could have lost consciousness and

suffered very serious injuries.

Please wish this CMO a quick recovery. Stay safe.

An Alger inmate punched a CO several times hours after she wrote him an insolence ticket.

The assault happened in the Level II Spruce unit Jan. 17. As she walked out of the dayroom, he punched her in the face. She fell to the floor and activated her Personal Protective Device as he continued to hit her. The inmate stopped when COs arrived.

The officer suffered bruising. The prisoner, who has a history of assaulting staff and inmates, was transferred, a CO said.

TRANSFER LISTS UPDATED

The [Exchange Transfer List](#) has been cleared. If you requested to be placed on the list before August 2017, your name was removed. If you would like to be added back to the list, please email [Anita Lloyd](#).

Many people leave the Department or get a transfer without notifying MCO to remove their name from the list. Clearing the list once a year means the list is more useful and effective.

The [Closer to Home Transfer List](#) is complete and has been posted on our website. There is no set time for when those on the list will be transferred.

Contact [Karen Mazzolini](#) at (517)485-3310 ext. 139 with any questions.

For more on the different types of transfers, see Article 15, Part D of the [MCO contract](#).