



CALLING ALL HOCKEY ENTHUSIASTS! PLAY ON AN OFFICER TEAM

Did you know there's an all-new hockey team made up of MCO members? The team is in its first season and is looking for players. All skill levels are welcome. You just need to be in the MCO bargaining unit or retired from the bargaining unit. The team has already achieved bronze status. [Check out their stats.](#)

The team needs several alternates due to players' work schedules. Games are on Monday evenings and occasionally Wednesday evenings at the Midland Civic Arena. Many players practice during rink drop-in times.

Team Capt. Drew Coston, the MCO SLF chapter vice president, said there's a strong sense of camaraderie on the team.

"It's good for officers to have hobbies and be included in activities outside of work because it's a stress reliever,"

Coston said. "It takes your mind away from the negativity you might deal with at work."

CTO Josh Tullar plays on the team and said they understand COs may not be able to make it to every game due to mandates and rotating schedules.



"I feel like my whole career I missed out on stuff like this because of the schedule,"

Tullar said. "So it's really nice to be a part of this. When you can make it, you're more than welcome to play."

Coston would like to eventually have two teams, one for beginners and one for intermediate players.

For information on fees and other details, email Drew Coston at dcoston11@icloud.com.

AROUND THE STATE: KCF CO ASSAULTED; FIGHT AT IBC

An intoxicated Kinross inmate slapped a CO last week.

Officers approached the Level II prisoner on the yard because he seemed impaired. He ran from officers and went to his housing unit. An officer stopped him in the unit, and he slapped her, officers said. Another CO intervened. The responding officer sprained his wrist and hasn't returned to work.

Staff issued the prisoner misconduct tickets for assault on staff, substance abuse, and disobeying a direct order. The inmate was transferred.

An IBC officer fired a warning shot to break up an inmate fight Tuesday.

A Level IV inmate started wailing on another prisoner while on the big yard. A warning shot was fired and officers on the ground quickly responded.

Staff recovered a weapon from the scene.

No staff were injured. One of the inmates had minor injuries.

Thank you to all the officers around the state who responded to dangerous situations this week. Stay safe.

MDOC ANNOUNCES CLOSURE OF WEST SHORELINE

As announced Monday, West Shoreline Correctional Facility will be closed in March.

Read [MDOC's announcement](#) and [MCO's bulletin](#).

MCO Executive Board members and staff were at the facility and other Muskegon prisons this week to meet with members. More meeting dates will be announced.

Like in the Pugsley closure, MCO staff will prepare a detailed closure guide for all affected members.

MCO President Tom Tylutki and other Board members are meeting with the MDOC human resources director today to negotiate a bump region. This process is a negotiation done within the confines of our collective bargaining agreement. Tom has been MCO's point person through several closures and has experience in coming to an agreement that serves all members. We will keep all members updated as negotiations unfold and a plan takes shape.

MCO also issued this press statement Monday:

"It's unfortunate for corrections officers any time a prison closure is announced, because their lives are affected so deeply. A closure is a time of uncertainty and stress for officers because their employment, work location, living arrangements, childcare, and other critical aspects of day-to-day life are made uncertain. We know it is a difficult process, but like MCO has done in the past, we will work to ensure the West Shoreline closure goes as smoothly as it possibly can. All these details that impact officers' lives must be sorted out, according to MDOC and MCO protocol, in the coming weeks. MCO will keep members updated every step of the way."

Now more than ever, it's important that all members stay connected with MCO. Sign up for text alerts now by texting MCO to 787753. Follow us:



Facebook



Twitter



YouTube



Instagram