



AROUND THE STATE: MTF NOW CLOSED

West Shoreline closed last week as scheduled.

Fifty-seven officers didn't have the seniority to stay in the layoff unit. They were given layoff notices and expedited recall forms. Forty-eight of those officers were granted transfers. Notices were issued last week. The other nine officers didn't apply for expedited recall.

MCO posted frequent updates on [our website](#) and [Facebook group](#) during the closure. We also held several meetings in Muskegon and handed out a closure packet with tons of resources to help families through the process.

MCO leaders and staff know closures are never easy. All of MCO's Executive Board members have experienced a closure first-hand. Thanks, members, for sticking with MCO throughout this process.

A Baraga inmate dressed out two officers, hitting them with feces on their shirts and pants.

The COs were escorting the inmate, who has a history of staff assaults, from a segregation cell March 9.

The cell has its own shower, and maintenance needed to check the temperature. When the officers opened the slot in the prisoner's door to cuff him for the escort, he threw feces on them.

Evidence photos were taken. The incident was handled properly at the facility level, members said.

ICF staff did a great job responding to an inmate's medical emergency March 15.

They quickly noticed the prisoner was slurring his speech, and they called for a nurse. Officers then retrieved a wheelchair and AED. They assisted health care staff throughout the incident. Nice work, ICF officers.

Also that day, staff found five contraband razor blades and a piece of sharpened metal in Unit 5, a Level V unit. Thank you to the officers who got these dangerous items out of the unit.

Other events at ICF:

March 16 – Two-on-one inmate assault on the Unit 3 (Level V) yard.

March 20 – A two-prisoner fight broke out in Unit 3 (Level V).

IN MEMORIAM: McCALLUM AND HAIGHT

In late March, we remember two Michigan corrections officers who made the ultimate sacrifice this month years ago.

Josephine McCallum was murdered at the former State Prison of Southern Michigan in Jackson on March 24, 1987. McCallum was the only officer in the activities building when she was brutally attacked and left to die. She left behind a husband and son.

George Haight, a gatekeeper, was poisoned by an inmate March 27, 1893 at the Michigan State Penitentiary in Jackson. Haight ate tainted food prepared by an inmate. Haight was survived by a wife and five children.

McCallum, Haight, and two other Michigan corrections officers who have died in the line of duty – Earl DeMarse in September 1973 and Jack Budd in December 1987 – are honored on MCO's [Fallen Officers' Memorial](#).

Read more about Michigan's [fallen corrections officers](#).

Remember McCallum and Haight as you go about your day. May all our fallen officers rest in peace.

CHANGES COMING TO MCO MASS EMAIL SYSTEM

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Read more about this change in the [March 13 KYI](#).

MCO VP recaps food service struggles for C1

In a column published by [CorrectionsOne](#), MCO Vice President/Chief of Staff Andy Potter summarized the problems Michigan prisons experienced under privatized food service and how MCO leaders and corrections officers spread awareness of security concerns.

"I urge any corrections administrators reading this to recognize that front-line staff are a resource, not a roadblock, and should be included in the conversation when solutions are explored or operational changes are made," Potter wrote. [Read the column now.](#)

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