



## MOVE FORWARD: THE VALUE OF CHARACTER IN CORRECTIONS

Your character tells a story about who you are and where you've been. We're not born with character – it's instilled in us from a young age and shaped by our families and our experiences.

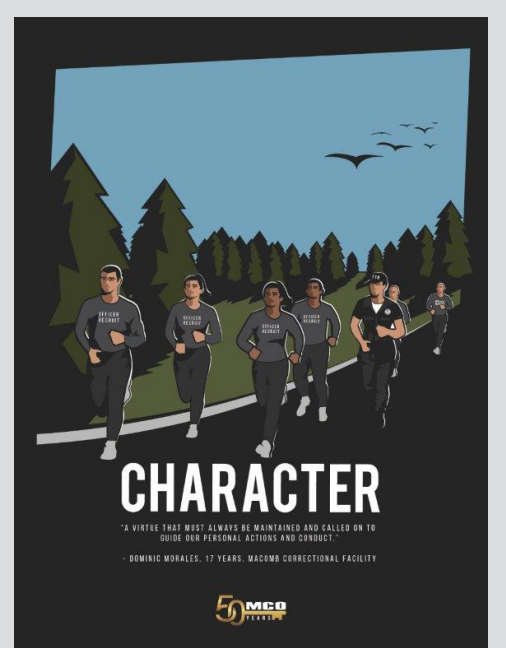
Character is this month's value in the Michigan Corrections Organization – [Move Forward Campaign](#). Throughout the campaign, we'll introduce a shared value of our membership, accompanied by a unique poster, every month until Labor Day 2018.

At the academy, our fellow recruits and trainers help us to develop our character as we learn the high standards required by a career in corrections. When we get to the institution, our supervisors, co-workers and mentors help us to sharpen those skills and bring character to all aspects of our work.

Character is vital because we must rely on each other when stressful or dangerous situations arise behind the walls.

"In a prison, we have to be vigilant and prepared, knowing that anything could happen at any time," said CO Tim Fleury of Alger Correctional Facility. "If you have faith in your partner's character, you know they'll be at your side and have your back. That makes all the difference. We must have character because we are trusting each other with our lives."

Why is character important to you? MCO wants to hear from you and lift up your stories. This is how we start to change the narrative on the corrections profession. Email MCO Communications Director [Anita Lloyd](#).



This month's value in the Move Forward campaign is Character. [View the poster now on Instagram.](#)

## SERGEANT ASSAULTED AT MARQUETTE

**An MBP inmate punched and cut a sergeant March 28 in what officers believe was a gang-related attack.**

The sergeant was monitoring the staff desk while G-block (Level V) was let out for yard. An inmate came up to the sergeant, punched him in the face, and cut him with a sharpened piece of metal on the side of his face.

Luckily, there was an officer in the unit who saw the assault and quickly

responded. Without this CO's quick response, the injuries could have been much worse. The prisoner was transferred that afternoon.

Another prisoner was locked up for stopping to watch the assault.

The sergeant was taken to a hospital for treatment and released later that afternoon.

Officers said the sergeant may have been targeted because of his work to identify gangs and curb their activity in prisons.

## SUPPORT THE MCO CRISIS FUND THIS SUMMER

Join us for the downstate or UP Crisis Fund Golf Outing this summer!

The UP outing will be Friday, July 20 at Pictured Rocks Golf Course in Munising.

The downstate outing will be Friday, Aug. 17 at Ledge Meadows Golf Course near Lansing.

Pricing, signup, and sponsorship information is [on the MCO website](#). If you don't golf, please consider sponsoring a tee or a cart.

The crisis fund supports members facing a catastrophe, whether it's an on-the-job injury, house fire, sudden illness, or other disaster. To those who support the fund, we thank you!

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