



AROUND THE STATE: GANG VIOLENCE AT ICF; ECF COs SAVE OFFICER'S LIFE

ICF officers dealt with a few gang-related fights last week.

The combat started when a suspected gang member in Unit 5 (Level V) stabbed a suspected member of a rival gang. The weapon was a steel rod made from part of a locker.

In another incident, two other prisoners from the same unit used a weapon to assault an inmate.

ICF staff responded quickly to these fights. They've also done a great

job of researching these inmates' gang affiliations and the sources of their disputes. Keep up the good work.

Officers at the Oaks saved a CO's life when they revived him with an AED after a serious heart attack.

The officer collapsed May 13 in housing unit 3 while passing out food trays. Officers and other staff immediately responded and used the AED. Their training and quick action may

have saved this officer's life. After he was taken to a hospital, medical staff even called the prison to commend the staff.

Several officers and other staff members have been nominated for lifesaving awards.

The officer is expected to make a full recovery.

This story reinforces the fact that COs are well-trained first responders. Excellent work.

Briefly...

Among the many issues that MCO advocates on, none is more important than correctional officers being recognized for their work as professionals.

[House Bill 5849](#), which MCO has prioritized and supports, would add local and state corrections officers to the definition of "peace officer" for the purposes of carrying and administering life-saving drugs such as opioid antagonists.

[Read more on our website](#), including a letter of support from bill sponsor Rep. Patrick Greene.



Corrections staff from OCF and AMF participated in the Peace Officers Memorial Service in Crystal Falls during National Police Week. Thank you, officers, for representing the MDOC. [See more photos on Flickr](#). Photos courtesy of CO Jason Nelson.

CATCH THE MDOC BLACK KNIGHTS JUNE 9

The MDOC Black Knights hockey team will play Michigan State Police in a special matchup to support the family of a former corrections officer who passed away in March.

Joe Leahy started as a CO with the MDOC in 1997. He worked at SAI, Huron Valley Men's, and Woodland. He was a member of the Emergency Response Team and the Honor Guard. He was working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice when he died.

Please join the Black Knights for the hockey game and in supporting Leahy's family.

What: Hockey game to support family of former MDOC CO Joe Leahy. MDOC Black Knights v. Michigan State Police.

When: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018

Where: Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Cost: \$10 suggested donation

For more info: email CTO Bolan at bolank@michigan.gov.

DON'T DELAY: MCO SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS JUNE 1

Don't forget, the deadline for MCO Scholarship applications is June 1.

Mailed applications must be post-marked by that day. [Print an application from our website](#). Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. June 1. [Complete the online application](#).

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

MCO offers scholarships for members' children who will enter or return to college this fall. Twenty scholarships of \$750 each will be awarded. Good luck!

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