



## WE NEED MEMBERS' INPUT: SURVEYS ON BARGAINING AND ONE VOICE IN CORRECTIONS CLOSING SOON

Have you taken MCO's online bargaining survey yet? The deadline to submit the survey is 11:59 p.m. July 12.

The survey link was emailed June 19 and again July 5 to all dues-paying members who have provided MCO with a personal, home email address. It's also posted in our [members-only Facebook group](#). The survey will not be emailed to work email addresses. If you did not receive an email with the survey link, please email [mail@mco-seiu.org](mailto:mail@mco-seiu.org) immediately.

So far, only about 700 members have taken the survey. We need more voices. Our goal is to get more than 20% of members to take the survey before it closes July 12. Will you help us reach this milestone?

We're setting this goal because your opinion matters. Your input enables the Executive Board to bargain the best contract possible.

If you have any questions about the online survey, email [mail@mco-seiu.org](mailto:mail@mco-seiu.org).

MCO recently published an important message about [realizing our purpose in corrections](#).

In it, we introduced MCO's nationwide One Voice program and accompanying survey. If you haven't taken the [One Voice survey](#), please take it now.

All responses are anonymous and information will not be shared or used for anything outside the intended purposes of One Voice.

We understand that this survey will take some of your time; however, this is our chance to influence the conversation and inject our experience and knowledge into the state and national debate. If we don't act now, reform will end up happening to us, instead of with us.

One Voice is made up of leading labor unions, corrections staff, criminal justice reform leaders, academics and policy makers with the goal of building bridges and advancing a unified approach to better inform the policies, programs and narratives that define criminal justice reform. [Read more on One Voice](#).



## GET READY TO VOTE IN AUG. 7 PRIMARY ELECTION

*Act fast – deadline to register is Monday, July 9!*

**Monday, July 9 is the deadline to register to vote in Michigan's August 7 primary election.**

### • Why Should I register?

As state employees, we have a unique opportunity to exercise our constitutional rights and elect our next bosses; however, in order to vote in a local, state, or national election, you must register to vote with the State of Michigan. [Download the State of Michigan Voter Registration Application Now!](#)

### • How do I register?

If you are a first time voter, recently moved or want to update your voter registration information, the Michigan Secretary of State has answers. [Get a step by step guide](#) on how to register and instructions on what is needed.

### • Can I vote absentee?

In some instances you may be able to vote by absentee ballot or request an emergency absentee ballot. [Get more information on if you qualify](#) to vote absentee and how to obtain your ballot.

[Read this full story on our website.](#)

## MCO AND NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR UNITE TO HONOR COS

Michigan Corrections Organization recently joined the [National Medal of Honor Foundation](#). This foundation honors corrections officers nationwide for the dangerous and thankless job they do every day.

**To support the foundation, please consider buying raffle tickets to win seats at the biggest football game of the year to be held Feb. 3, 2019. [See a flyer for more.](#)**

Now through July 14, you can also nominate a stellar officer for the National Medal of Honor award. MCO has already nominated five excellent COs. Read more about [qualifications candidates should have](#). For details on the tickets or award nominations, contact MCO Member Engagement Associate [Jim McHenry](#) at 517-485-3310. ext. 155.

It is long overdue that our profession be recognized as an elite component of the law enforcement community. The National Medal of Honor Awards are a vehicle that shines a spotlight on the amazing jobs corrections officers do.

## COTTON OFFICERS DEAL WITH GANG VIOLENCE

JCF had a busy July 4. A couple of hours after a fight among Level IV inmates, several prisoners were fighting in a suspected gang-related conflict on the Level II yard. The altercation carried over into A-Unit where two prisoners are accused of stabbing each other. Ten prisoners total were sent to segregation from Level II because of this incident.

This came after a gang-related conflict July 3rd that sent three Level I suspects to segregation.

Great job to the officers, many of whom were mandated, that responded so quickly!