



Join Ionia members and Rep. Calley in a special clean up day Sept. 19

Ionia MCO members have adopted a two-mile stretch of M-21 near the prisons, and they need your help cleaning it up.

Join fellow officers and Rep. Julie Calley for a cleanup day Wednesday, Sept. 19. Volunteers should meet at 10 a.m. sharp in the Bellamy Creek parking lot. All MCO members and retirees are invited to pitch in!



MCO leaders would like to thank Brian Gibson, an IBC chapter steward, and Sean Conley, IBC chapter president, for stepping up to adopt the highway. This is just another great example of how MCO members give back and make a difference in their communities.

We'd also like to thank Rep. Julie Calley for supporting corrections officers. Last week, Gibson and Conley were her guests at the Capitol in Lansing for a ceremony recognizing first responders.

If you are interested in pitching in or need more information, contact Brian Gibson at cfcccp@sbcglobal.net.

See you there!



Brian Gibson (left), Rep. Julie Calley, and Sean Conley at the Capitol last week for first responders day.

AROUND THE STATE: OFFICERS UNCOVER CONTRABAND AT SMT, LMF

Last week, a Parnall officer found about 150 strips of Suboxone under a trash can in the visitor's restroom.

Great work to the officers who prevented this contraband from getting into the hands of inmates.

An Alger officer found a syringe hidden inside a prisoner's tube of toothpaste last week. The inmate was in the Level IV Pine unit, but was transferred to segregation.

The syringe was at least 6-in. long. Great job to the officer who found this well-concealed contraband.

MCO CRISIS FUND RAFFLE TICKETS ON THE WAY

Interested in buying tickets for this year's Crisis Fund Gun Raffle? MCO chapter presidents should receive tickets next week.

The top prize is a hunting trip at Hopkins Trophy Ranch worth \$2,500.

Other prizes include hunting rifles, crossbows, cash, and a stay at Kalahari.

See a full list of prizes [on our website](#).

See your chapter president next week to get tickets!

2018 STATE EMPLOYEE SURVEY OPEN NOW

All members are encouraged to take the 2018 Employee Engagement Survey, which opened Monday.

It's important for all employees to take the survey and let their voice be heard. The Department uses responses to identify and address areas of con-

cern to staff. The survey is being administered through a third-party company, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Answers are anonymous.

State employees should have received the survey by email. Please complete the survey by Oct. 1.

IN MEMORIAM: CO NICEWANDER



DRF Officer Alan Nicewander passed away Sept. 1.

Nicewander started his career with MDOC in 1999. He worked at St. Louis before transferring to Carson City. He leaves behind a wife, three children, and several grandchildren. Services were last week.

Please keep Nicewander's survivors and DRF staff in your thoughts.

Rest in peace, Officer Nicewander.

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