

IN MEMORIAM: JOSEPHINE McCALLUM AND GEORGE 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. A portion of I-94 in Jackson near the prisons [will be renamed](#) in honor of McCallum and Budd. MCO worked hard to move a bill through the legislature to rename the highway and ensure their sacrifice is not forgotten. [Read more about Michigan's fallen corrections officers.](#) May all our fallen officers rest in peace.

ICF COs INJURED WHILE RESPONDING TO LARGE YARD FIGHT

Two ICF officers were injured while breaking up a fight March 19 that involved six prisoners.

It started with a fight between two inmates on the Unit 3 (Level V) yard. Two officers intervened, and one prisoner ran and threw something over the fence. The inmate turned around and ran back toward the other prisoner and officers. Staff were able to restrain him.

Then two more inmates ran toward

responding officers in an attempt to fight one of the prisoners. They were eventually detained.

One CO suffered a shoulder injury and another officer hurt his knee.

After the fight, an officer found the item thrown over the fence. It was a sharpened piece of metal wrapped in a sheet.

Great work to the officers who responded to this dangerous fight.

Benefits for Life open enrollment going on now

The 2019 Benefits for Life open enrollment is going on now through March 29. Benefits for Life plans are optional benefits in which employees pay 100% of the cost of coverage.

Trustmark Universal Life Insurance with Long-Term Care (LTC) benefits have improved this year! The updated offer includes coverage up to \$75,000, without medical questions, for employees up to age 64 and an LTC coverage solution. Those who previously applied or have current coverage will require underwriting. Employees already enrolled in Universal Life Insurance must make changes to their existing plans via a telephone conference

with a Benefits for Life Representative.

[More details are in this flyer.](#)

Eligible employees are encouraged to visit www.BenefitsforLife.org to review existing coverage, make changes, or enroll. Remember to select Register instead of Login when visiting the enrollment site as usernames and passwords from prior years are no longer valid. If you would like further information or prefer to enroll by phone, call the Benefits for Life call center at 888-825-8395, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Please note, you cannot access these benefits through HRMN.

- Information provided by Michigan Civil Service Commission.

HURRY! APPLY FOR CLOSER TO HOME TRANSFER LIST BEFORE MARCH 31

Officers may apply for the closer-to-home transfer list by March 31. **We apologize for the late notice. The Director's Office Memorandums (DOMs) issued March 14 state that the closer to home list will remain in effect, and that the deadline for this year's list is March 31.**

To apply, [email](#), mail or fax a letter to MCO, attention: Karen Mazzolini. MCO's mailing address is 421 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933. MCO's fax number is (517)485-3319.

Include your name, employee ID, address, phone number, current work location, desired work location, and how far you currently travel for work. Your letter or fax must be received at the MCO Central Office by March 31 for consideration. If you submit information after that date, your application is invalid.

[Please go to our website for more important information about the Closer to Home list.](#)

RUO/CMUO UPDATE

As announced March 15, the Michigan Supreme Court will not hear the RUO/CMUO case. This means the Court of Appeals ruling, which sided against MCO, will stand. [Read more in this bulletin.](#)

Thank you members for standing together throughout this seven-year fight.