



## BRIEFLY: MI SHUTDOWN POSSIBLE; RETURN BALLOTS NOW

As you have probably heard, the legislature and governor have not agreed on a budget for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. That means a government shutdown is possible. Legislators sent a budget to the governor late Tuesday, which she now has less than a week to review.

Corrections officers would continue working in a shutdown, according to [media coverage](#). A spokesman for the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget said employees required to work in a shutdown would be paid on time. Forensic Security Assistants are also considered essential staff and would

not be laid off, according to MD-HHS administration.

MCO leaders have reached out to the Office of the State Employer to ask about possible impacts of a shutdown on our members. We are waiting for a response.

### Make sure your vote is counted – return your chapter election ballot now.

Ballots must be in Lansing before Oct. 1. That morning, all returned ballots will be gathered and the count will begin. If you have questions, contact MCO Member Engagement Associate Jim McHenry at [jim@mco-seiu.org](mailto:jim@mco-seiu.org) or call (517)485-3310.

## BARGAINED PAYMENTS COMING TO CHECKS SOON

Attendance and physical fitness incentives, dry cleaning allowances, and longevity payments will appear on paychecks in October. See scheduled payment dates below.

MCO bargains these payments in the contract. According to MCO's contract, members are entitled to longevity pay if they have five years of service.

Additionally, the 2% wage increase will take effect Oct. 1 and will be seen on paychecks starting Oct. 17. The 2% lump sum will be on paychecks received Oct. 31.

For more details, see articles 22, 27, and 37 of the [contract](#).

Payment	Amount	Date
Lump sum	2%	Oct. 31
Uniform allowance	\$575	Oct. 17
Sick/physical fitness incentive	varies by amount of sick time used	Oct. 31
Longevity	varies by years of service	Oct. 31

## MTU PROBATIONARY CO FINDS SUBOXONE IN WIG

A probationary officer at MTU found 65 strips of Suboxone on a visitor between the gates Sept. 7.

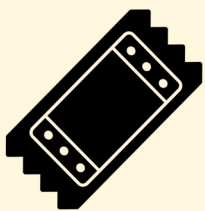
The drugs were found in a wig. MSP came to the facility and interviewed the woman.

This is another reminder that

COs must always be vigilant. Even the most harmless-seeming item like a wig can be used to hide dangerous contraband.

Great work to the probationary CO who stopped these drugs from entering the facility.

## MCO Crisis Fund raffle tickets on sale now



Interested in buying tickets for this year's Crisis Fund Gun Raffle? MCO chapter leaders have raffle tickets for sale now.

The top prize is \$1,000 cash. Other prizes include hunting rifles, a TV, and a stay at Kalahari. [See a full list of prizes.](#)

The drawing will be at the MCO Central Conference Oct. 29 in Lansing. You don't need to be present to win.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Get your tickets now – see your chapter officials.

The Gun Raffle supports the MCO [Crisis Fund](#), which helps members facing catastrophe. To those who support the fund, we thank you.

## REST IN PEACE, CO DeMARSE



Marquette Officer Earl DeMarse died at the hands of an inmate on this date in 1973. [Read about DeMarse on our website.](#)

As you go about your day, please take a few moments to remember DeMarse and the sacrifice he made. Thank you for your service in Michigan's toughest job.