



## CHIPPEWA INMATES RIOT AFTER PRISONER FIGHT

Chippewa prisoners completely destroyed a Level II unit in a riot Sunday night and early Monday.

A fight had broken out among three prisoners, and after one of them refused to stop fighting, he was Tased. After being Tased, he apparently passed out. Health Service staff were summoned to the unit. He was loaded on to a stretcher and taken out of the unit for medical evaluation. He was later medically cleared and sent back to the facility.

Shortly after he was taken out of the unit along with the other two fighters, a large number of prisoners came into the unit lobby and began verbally threatening the officers and threatening to take the unit over. Some of them apparently believed that the prisoner who had been Tased had either died or was seriously injured.

The officers activated the unit lock-

down switch, which was only partially effective since a large number were already out of their cells and in the dayrooms and hallways. The officers retreated out of the unit to safety. Shift command notified the warden, and the Emergency Response Team was activated.

The prisoners proceeded to destroy the inside of the unit, breaking windows and damaging doors, ripping control panels off the wall, smashing cameras and computers, and tossing the laundry machines into the lobby. They left the unit and flipped over a mini ambulance parked outside.

Nine officers with Tasers and a couple of sergeants set up a perimeter around the housing unit to keep the prisoners inside until ERT arrived. ERT went in and regained control of the unit with little incident.

Rioting prisoners were identified on

the video that was available and dozens were sent to other maximum-security prisons. Other prisoners were temporarily held in the gym and are also being rode out to other prisons.

The officers in the unit at the time took what action they could by hitting the lockdown button and then wisely retreated for their own safety. The unit is now offline due to the extensive damage. Thankfully, officers kept their cool and made the right decision to retreat.

Below are a few news articles about the riot that include quotes from MCO President Byron Osborn. Stay safe.

- [Prison housing unit ‘completely destroyed’ in what union president calls a riot](#)
- [Chippewa prison unit ‘not livable’ after inmate fight, takeover](#)
- [Tasing of inmate sparks five-hour inmate takeover at UP prison](#)

## AROUND THE STATE: ST. LOUIS, MARQUETTE OFFICERS ASSAULTED

**An acting sergeant was stabbed and at least six weapons were recovered in fights Saturday at MBP.**

He was stabbed unintentionally when he intervened in a yard fight between Level V inmates, officers said. A prison-made shank was recovered.

Less than an hour later, there was another fight on the yard between eight inmates. An officer had to fire a warning

shot, and staff found five weapons. Officers believe one of the weapons was used in the earlier fight as well.

The acting sergeant suffered a puncture wound and needed two staples, officers said.

**A St. Louis inmate punched an officer and attacked another CO when they intervened in a prisoner-on-pris-**

**oner assault Aug. 25.**

As they were pulling off the aggressor, he charged at one of the officers and tried to lift him over a railing. He shoved the officer. While this was happening, another prisoner ran up and started punching the other responding CO.

Both of the officers suffered concussions.

## STATE EMPLOYEE UNIONS FILE LAWSUIT OVER ANNUAL REAUTHORIZATION

MCO and other state employee unions have filed a federal lawsuit challenging the Civil Service Commission’s new rule requiring annual dues reauthorization.

Here’s an excerpt from a statement the unions issued that explains our case:

“The Commission’s new rule requiring annual reauthorization of dues deduction conflicts with our collective bargaining agreements, which the Commission previ-

ously approved, and therefore violates the Contracts Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The Commission’s action also interferes with our members’ freedoms of speech and association under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution. These constitutional violations are particularly galling at a time when these hardworking public workers are coping with providing service to all Michiganders

during the COVID-19 crisis.”

**Even though this matter is in court, all members should reauthorize by Oct. 3. Reauthorize now from a [computer](#) or [phone](#).** Remember, the HRMN online portal is closed Sunday through Wednesday of the first week of each pay period. That means it will close this coming Sunday. More info is at [mco-seiu.org/reauthorize](http://mco-seiu.org/reauthorize).