



FY '22 BUDGET ADDRESSES RECRUITMENT, WELLNESS

Last week, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the legislature agreed on a budget that includes funding for 800 new corrections officers.

The MDOC budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year includes \$7,373,700 in additional one-time funding for training COs. This means overall funding for training new officers will be more than \$21

million.

The MDOC budget also includes an additional \$800,000 for employee wellness programs, bringing total funding for these programs to \$2 million.

In total, the corrections budget will be \$2.07 billion.

The next fiscal year runs Oct. 1, 2021 through Sept. 30, 2022.

BARGAINED PAYMENTS COMING TO CHECKS SOON

Attendance and physical fitness incentives, dry cleaning allowances, and longevity payments will appear on paychecks soon. See scheduled payment dates at right.

Additionally, the 2 percent wage increase takes effect Oct. 1 and will start appearing on paychecks Oct. 14.

The personal leave grant of 12 hours will be added to annual leave banks and will also be reflected on Oct. 14 paychecks.

These payments and increases aren't just given to us – MCO bargains them. Bargaining isn't free. It takes time and money to gather data on retention rates, wages of corrections staff in other states, and other evidence we need to

prepare for negotiations. This is one reason why it's so vital that all members reauthorize their dues by Oct. 2. Details on how are in the story at right.

For more details on these payments, see Articles 22, 27, and 37 of the contract.

Payment	Amount	Date
Uniform allowance	\$575	Oct. 14
Longevity	varies by years of service	Oct. 28
Sick/physical fitness incentive	varies by amount of sick time used	Nov. 11

This is your last chance to reauthorize before dues stop!



Saturday, Oct. 2, is the last day to reauthorize your union dues before they automatically stop.

The [HRMN portal](#) is open for you to log in and reauthorize ([use this link](#) if you're on a mobile device). If you aren't sure how, go to [mco-seiu.org/reauthorize](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Or, you can call the HR Service Center at 877-766-6447 and ask to reauthorize. Their hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This means the last day you can reauthorize by phone is Friday, Oct. 1.

You can always reach out to MCO if you are having trouble. Call us at (517)485-3310.

Thanks, members, for standing together in MCO.



IN MEMORIAM: CTO OSTREWICH

Corrections Transportation Officer Thad Ostrewich passed away Sept. 28.

CTO Ostrewich was based in St. Louis. He had 27 years with the MDOC.

Services will be October 23. [Details are here.](#)

Rest in peace, CTO Ostrewich.

**BALLOT
COUNT
TOMORROW**

Chapter election ballots will be counted
Friday, Oct. 1.
New chapter officials will be listed [on our website](#) next week.