



**2023 Chapter Elections** - The following Chapters have contested races and will conduct elections:

Alger (LMF)	Earnest C. Brooks (LRF)
Bellamy Creek (IBC)	Gus Harrison (ARF)
Carson City (DRF)	Kinross (KCF)
Central Michigan (STF)	Thumb (TCF)
Chippewa (URF)	Woodland Center (WCC)
Cooper Street (JCS)	

Voting will be conducted online **November 1, 2023**. All eligible members at facilities with contested races will receive voting instructions in the mail and at their personal email address. There will be a link to the Election Portal on the [MCO Website](#). Chapters with uncontested races will not need an election.

**Closer to Home Transfer List**- October 1st through the 31st is the Closer to Home Transfer application window period. To be eligible to apply for a "Closer to Home Transfer," employees must:

1. Have status at the time of transfer.
2. Have NOT voluntarily transferred during the 12-month period prior to the application date.
3. Have no record of disciplinary action or unsatisfactory service rating during the two years preceding the date of the filling of the position.

Send requests to MCO Attention: Stephanie Short (must be in writing and will be accepted via mail: 421 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933 or email: [stephanie@mco-seiu.org](mailto:stephanie@mco-seiu.org)).

REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE:

name	personal email address
employee ID	current work location
address	desired work location
personal phone number	how far you currently travel for work

**September 25, 1973** - Officer Earl DeMarse, a 26-year officer, was attacked in the auditorium at Marquette Branch Prison. Fifteen minutes into his shift, he came to Central Control bleeding profusely from multiple stab wounds. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.



His death brought many safety concerns of officers and their families to light. A training academy was one solution proposed. The academy was established and named in honor of DeMarse.

DeMarse and his sacrifice will never be forgotten. He is among those honored on MCO's Fallen Officers Memorial, and a stretch of highway in front of Marquette Branch Prison has been renamed in his honor.

Rest in peace, Officer DeMarse.

**2023 Big Buck Contest** - Members can hunt where they want and when they want between October 1st and December 15th.

1st Place – \$300 Cabela's Gift Card  
2nd Place – \$200 Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card  
3rd Place – \$100 Cabela's Gift Card

All members who register will be entered into a random drawing for a Henry Single Shot 450 Bushmaster!

For more information and to register, click [HERE](#) or email [austin@mco-seiu.org](mailto:austin@mco-seiu.org).

**Crisis Fund Gun Raffle** - Interested in buying tickets for this year's Crisis Fund Gun Raffle? MCO chapter Presidents have raffle tickets for sale now!

Prizes are:

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| 1st  | \$1,000                                   |
| 2nd  | TenPoint Titan M1 Crossbow                |
| 3rd  | Ruger American Predator (6.5 Creedmoor)   |
| 4th  | Henry Golden Boy (.22 LR)                 |
| 5th  | Ruger American – Ranch (.450)             |
| 6th  | Ruger American (.350)                     |
| 7th  | Smith and Wesson M&P 15-22 Sport (.22 LR) |
| 8th  | AR/Del-Ton Inc Echo (5.56)                |
| 9th  | Ruger 10-22 Carbine (22LR)                |
| 10th | RTIC 20 Quart Cooler                      |

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held on December 13th.

Proceeds support the [MCO Crisis Fund](#), which helps members facing catastrophe. To those who support the fund, thank you.

**Benefits Open Enrollment (BOE)** runs from Monday, October 16th through Monday, November 6, 2023.

BOE is your annual opportunity to enroll in or change your benefit elections for health, dental, vision, life, and disability insurance as well as Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts.

Visit [www.mi.gov/selfserv](http://www.mi.gov/selfserv) to complete the BOE process online through HR Self-Service.

Visit [MCO-BOE](#) for more detailed information.

**Upcoming Pay Dates** - The negotiated 2% base pay increase took effect on October 1, 2023. Per the MCO bylaws, bi-weekly dues will increase by 50 cents per pay period effective October 26th, 2023.

The negotiated longevity payment for those eligible will be on the October 26th check.