

MSI INSIDER NEWS

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“AND THE AWARD GOES TO.....” JOHN HESSION

The Department’s Director Professional Excellence Award for 2006 was awarded to factory superintendent, John Hession. John’s supervisor, Operations Manager Jim Best, nominated John for his continued professionalism and contributions for the betterment of MSI. In a letter written by Director, Patricia L. Caruso, the following kind words were expressed: “Dear Mr. Hession: Your peers have lauded your willingness to take on new challenges, your emphasis on quality and your determination to bring that quality to an exceptional level. Specifically, you have taken on additional factory manufac-

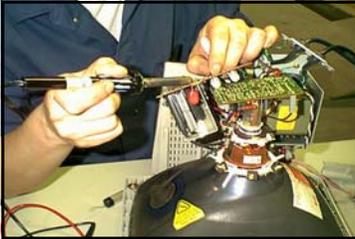


turing tasks, such as inmate outerwear, without hesitation and have successfully managed the production of those products. Another significant example of your willingness to take on new tasks for the improvement of MSI is the creation of a fire retardant mattress. With extensive effort and research, you designed a

product that passes landmark testing (TB-603) and meets all federal and state guidelines for fire safety. Your conduct clearly demonstrates you possess the knowledge, capability and desire for successful ventures.” We are very proud of you John for exhibiting the vision and values of professional integrity in the workplace!!

MSI ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY—REMINDER!

The Annual Holiday Party will be held this Friday, December 1st at Lansing Best Western Midway Hotel. Please join us to celebrate the holiday season with good friends, good food, and holiday cheer!! If you did not receive a flyer with information on this event, please contact Judy Rinck at (517) 241-7352.



ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT'S MEETING FACTORY AWARDS PRESENTED

The 2006 Annual Superintendent's meeting was held at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn. The annual meeting is an opportunity for managers and staff to discuss issues relevant to the organization, and their individual operations. Special guest speakers were also on the agenda to provide important updates and information to staff. Lloyd Kimbrell



opened the meeting, and introduced CFA Deputy Director, Dennis Straub. Dir. Straub discussed the new reorganization recently approved by Civil Service and the Governor's office which places MSI under the authority of Correctional Facilities

Administration. MSI, the Education Unit and the Prison Build Program will be combined into one office called the Office of Prisoner Education and Training. The

2006 MSI Factory Awards were presented to the following superintendent's: Dianne Croasdell (**Marquette Garment Factory**), and Carl Cress (**Brooks Laundry and Vinyl Factory**). Each winner

will have a special traveling award to be placed in their warden's display case at the prison along with an individual plaque to be kept in the factory. Congratulations to both superintendent's and factory staff for their excellent work and dedication to MSI!



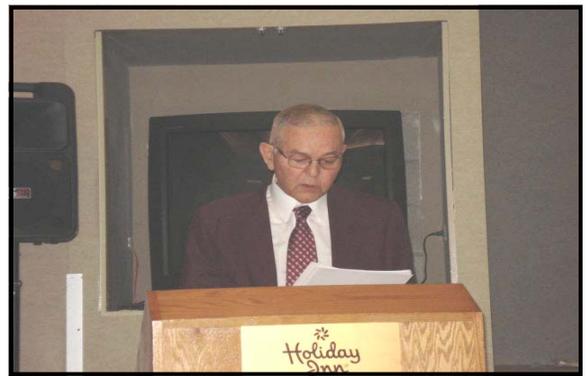
Operations Mgr. Jim Best presents award to Factory Superintendent, Carl Cress



Operations Mgr. Jay Ketcik presents award to Factory Superintendent, Dianne Croasdell



Attendees take a break to enjoy a bit of humor on the last day of meetings.



Bureau Administrator, Lloyd Kimbrell addresses attendees.

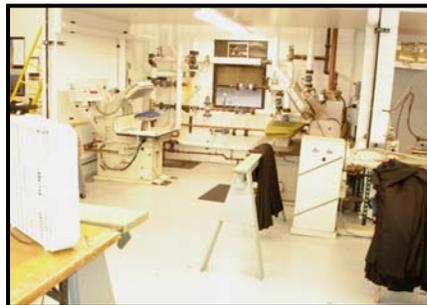


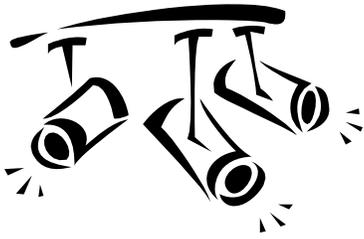
FACTORY SPOTLIGHT

MARQUETTE GARMENT

NEW FACTORY IS MORE EFFICIENT

The Marquette Garment Operation moved into a new 6,000 sq. ft. facility in June 2006. The operation, better known to most as the “Pant Factory” produces MDOC Officer Pants, and Officer Trousers for Sheriff Depts., State Police, and other municipalities. Laundry bags are also produced at the factory. The operation was housed in a level 5 facility prior to the move. The new operation is located outside the perimeter of the maximum security facility, near the trustee area. The factory will employ between 29—35 level 1 inmates. Factory Superintendent, Dianne Croasdell says the factory will be much more efficient and productive. Dianne also expressed a personal thank you and appreciation to Jan Tyni and Paulette Carr for their total dedication and hard work during the move without full staffing. They also trained all new workers. Bill Allen, MSI Electrician and Maintenance, was invaluable to all at Marquette and made the renovations and move possible. Jay Keticik, Operations Manager for the Marquette Operation was instrumental in assisting with the move, and worked with everyone involved to resolve any issues. Due to the increase in inmate labor, additional products and outside MDOC sales may be needed next year.





FACTORY PROFILE

TEXTILE OPERATIONS

HOW MUCH DO WE REALLY KNOW



Textile Facts

“Textile sold over 240,000 washcloths, 245,000 t-shirts, 414,000 jockey shorts, 450,000 socks, 138,000 towels, 18,000 mops, and over a million labels in 2006.



It is always interesting to know how each MSI factory operates. The Textile Operation located at the Southern Michigan CF in Jackson, MI has been in the business of looming materials for over 100 years. The factory is one of MSI's largest production operations with over 200,000 sq. ft of space. There are eight different departments covering two floors. Factory Superintendent, Roger Dickinson, Asst. Superintendent Tony Dysert, along with twelve supervisors have worked very hard to make the operation successful. Finished products produced are jockey shorts, t-shirts, towels, washcloths, socks, mops and labels. There are a total of 87 items produced in various sizes. Weaved mate-



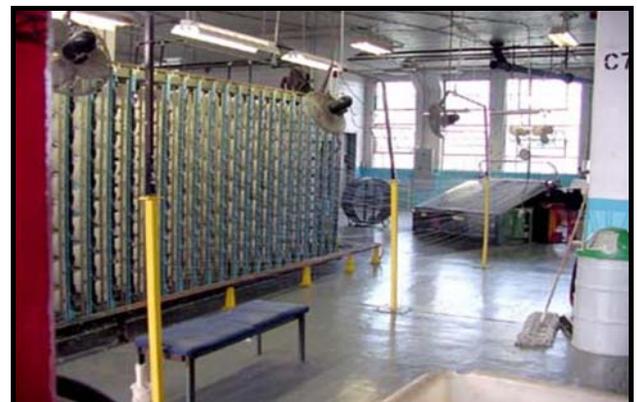
A total of nine sock machines can produce a pair of socks in less than 34 seconds each.

rials include sheeting, twill, terry cloth and wool yard goods. The factory shipped over 2.5 million items to customers this year with very few complaints. The factory dyes and finishes all materials on-site. Roger credits the tal-

ents of his staff, along with MSI Tool and Die for repairing and reconstructing dated machinery saving MSI millions of dollars over the years. ACA inspection conducted in the spring of 2006 passed with 100% compliance! A Job Well Done!



The Textile Factory has 24 looms that weave Terry Material, Sheeting, Twill and Wool Blanketing. The factory also uses 28 sewing machines during the production of textile products.



The Warp Room wraps the yarn on the beams that go on the looms. The yarn is treated, strengthened, and lubricated for weaving. There are several thousand strands of yarn on a beam that contains about 3,800 yards of yarn wrapped around them.



MSI RECLAMATION PROJECT PROVIDES A "GREEN SOLUTION"



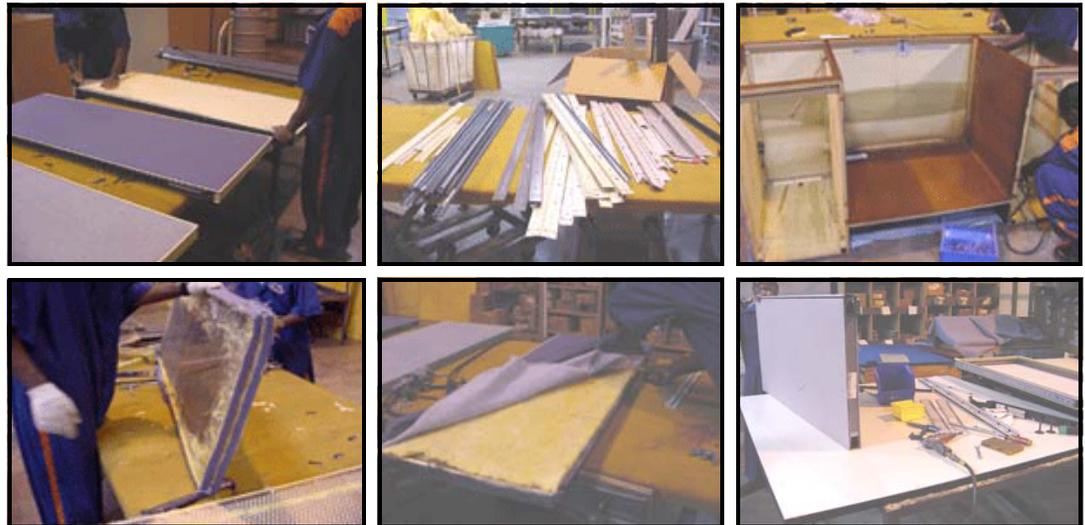
Reclamation Facts

"An average panel system workstation can equal 1000 lbs of recycled contents diverted from the landfills per station!! Recycling results in fewer products filling up limited landfill space. Recycling also conserves labor and manufacturing energy."

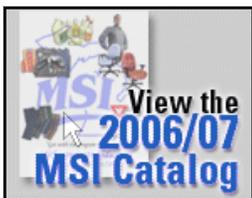
MSI has responded to the challenge with a State inmate-staffed approach to managing furniture reclamation. Obsolete modular furnishings, and other furniture products can be broken down into residual materials to create new products! The project began in 2003 as a pilot program. The collaborative effort of the Departments of DEQ,

MSI, DMB, and the Business Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association (BIFMA) - has developed a green solution for ridding the state of unusable modular furniture. The unique collaboration is helping to save funds while it contributes to inmate rehabilitation. The pilot study found that disassembling and recycling

the units generated up to 90% reclaimable materials, leaving 10% currently unmarketable. Additional sources will be explored to reclaim that 10%. Each semi-load of furniture results in approximately 3000 pounds of recyclable material that is diverted from a landfill. Visit the MSI website to learn more about the project!!



NEW FORMAT FOR MSI CATALOG



Catherine Judkins, Procurement Officer with Huron Valley Complex e-mailed: "The format is much more user friendly, searches are easier and product information is well

presented. Those of you who were involved in the process did a terrific job and are to be congratulated. This was clearly a lot of work and I appreciate your efforts. Keep up the good work!!"

The new MSI Catalog for fiscal year 06/07 was issued in a new PDF format. Customer's can access product information using advanced navigation options. The PDF format contains search fields, bookmarks, and a

table of contents that will navigate through product pages with one click. The PDF file is also available on CD. The new layout was a big job, and a lot of hard work. A special thank you to Luanne Peeper, Inside Sales, for

formatting, editing, and mailing out CD's. Also, thank you Carol Creed, Lindsay Francis, and Judy Rinck for assisting with editing. This is another good example of coming together as a T*E*A*M to get the job done!!