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The MDOC looks back on a year of COVID

It has been a year since COVID-19 was first reported in Michigan, and the world as we knew it changed forever. While the world shut down, corrections staff faced this pandemic head-on beginning with planning new procedures, policies, logistics and operations before there were even any COVID-19 cases in the prison system. While it has undoubtedly been a challenging year, the proactive measures taken saved lives.

As the number of cases across the state increased, employees across the department worked tirelessly to combat this pandemic. Each staff member playing an important role. Healthcare staff cared

for prisoners and conducted testing. The Emergency Management section ensured facilities had ample PPE and testing supplies. The Offender Success staff worked to keep programming going so paroles could continue. Field staff adapted to a new way of supervising offenders without having an office to work in. Michigan State Industries converted factories to make PPE. A dedicated team worked to make video visitation a reality to further minimize the risk of spreading the virus. Corrections officers continued to do their job while wearing PPE, practicing social distancing, implementing new COVID-19 quarantine procedures, and ensuring COVID-positive prisoners were immediately transferred to one of the MDOC’s medical response units for proper treatment. Staff stepped in to fill roles they typically would not perform to keep facilities running. Former corrections officers who now work elsewhere in the department volunteered to go back inside and fill in for officers who were unable to work due to COVID.

Within two months of the first positive prisoner case, Michigan became the second state in the

country to test every prisoner. With more than 787,000 prisoner tests and more than 212,000 staff tests since the pandemic began, no state in the country has done more prisoner testing than Michigan.

The work done this past year by MDOC staff has undoubtedly saved lives. Throughout it all the MDOC was able to achieve the lowest prison population it has seen in 30 years. In addition, the recidivism rate is at its lowest in state history.

A year later, the department is on a successful path. More than 19,000 prisoners and more than 1,300 staff members have received the COVID vaccine and on March 26, the MDOC welcomed its first in-person visitors since ceasing visits on March 13, 2020. We are proud of the work that our department has done. The MDOC has been a leader nationally. The work we have done has saved lives and helped keep the public safe throughout this pandemic.



Remembering those we have lost

The department mourns the loss of five employees who passed away this past year after contracting COVID-19. These public servants will not be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family, friends and colleagues.



Corrections Transportation Officer Damon Burton passed away on March 31, 2020. Burton began his career in 1989 as a corrections officer at Huron Valley Correctional Facility. He transferred to Ryan Road Correctional Facility in 1994, then began working as a corrections transportation officer out of Detroit Reentry Center in 2001. Burton was committed to the safety of all Michigan residents and will not be forgotten.

Word Processing Assistant Rosetta Brown passed away on April 3, 2020. Brown began her career with what was then the Department of Social Services in 1978. She held several positions in state government, including with the Michigan Supreme Court and Department of Education, before joining the MDOC in 1998 as a word processing assistant for the Field Operations Administration's Metropolitan Territory. She also worked as a word processing assistant at Scott Correctional Facility before returning to FOA in 2004. Brown was a dedicated public servant who impacted many.



Corrections Officer Randy Rumler passed away on July 3, 2020. Officer Rumler was a 24-year veteran of the MDOC and served his entire career with Gus Harrison Correctional Facility. His commitment to protecting the people of Michigan over his years of service to the state undoubtedly changed lives for the better and made our communities safer. Officer Rumler will be greatly missed.

Qualified Mental Health Professional Karen Herington passed away on Dec. 15, 2020. Karen began her career with the department at Central Michigan Correctional Facility in August 2018, after working in the community for many years with county jails and clinics. Herington will be missed by her husband Terry, a retired corrections officer, her children, grandchildren, colleagues at STF and members of her community.



Electronic Monitoring Officer Ramiro Mata Sr. passed away on January 9, 2021. Mata began his career at Southern Michigan Correctional Facility in Jackson in 2000 before transferring to Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility in 2002. Officer Mata was known for his calm and professional demeanor when notifying IBC staff of critical incidents over the institutional radio. Officer Mata will be missed by many.

PASSION AND POSITIVITY

2021 CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE YEAR

DISCUSSES THE POWER OF POSITIVITY

Vikas Vij is known at work for his positive outlook that uplifts others. “If I bring a positive outlook, people will have a positive vibe throughout the day,” said Vij, a corrections officer at Thumb Correctional Facility (TCF) in Lapeer.



He was named 2021 Corrections Officer of the Year for his positivity and enthusiasm.

“I’m pleased to congratulate Corrections Officer Vikas Vij for this honor,” said MDOC Director Heidi Washington. “He is a true public servant who works tirelessly to make a difference in his community, and at work, both in the lives of those he supervises and in his colleagues with his positive attitude and strong work ethic.

Officer Vij began his career with the MDOC in 2012 and has worked as a corrections officer at three facilities within the department. He has proven to be an asset to the safety and security at TCF. He once stopped a visitor from bringing \$1,200 cash and a lighter into the prison and he has received the Warden’s Coin more than once for finding contraband.

“I feel honored and humbled out of all the officers nominated, I was selected to be officer of the year,” Vij said.

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Officer Vij immigrated to the United States from India in 1995 when he was 8-years-old. He is the first person in his family to earn a bachelor’s degree or choose a career in public service, he said.

Vij is a mentor in his community volunteering with the WATCH D.O.G.S program at his daughter’s school and has helped raise thousands of dollars for Special Olympics.

“Congratulations to CO Vij and the finalists for MDOC Officer of the year,” said Michigan Corrections Organization Chief of Staff Ray Sholtz. “Officer Vij had a great application and an excellent interview.”

The Michigan Correctional Officers’ Training Council, a group comprised of representatives from the MDOC, Michigan Corrections Organization and higher education, chose Vij for the honor from a pool of five finalists.

Vij loves being a corrections officer, “The work is challenging,” said Vij. “But It’s nice to go into work and find positive outcomes.”

2021 CORRECTIONS

OFFICER OF THE

YEAR FINALISTS

Jeffery Vining, is a corrections officer at Marquette Branch Prison.



He has worked for the department for 19 years and has extensive knowledge of policy and procedures. He is a former member of the Emergency Response Team and regularly

prevents issues from occurring, taking extra care to ensure the safety of his fellow staff.

Daren Ferden, an investigator for the Absconder Recovery Unit, has worked for



the department for 22 years and is well respected by supervisors, co-workers, members of the public he encounters, and local, state and federal law enforcement

professionals. He holds the current ARU record for most arrest’s in a month at 36 arrests.

Robert Halvorsen, is a corrections officer at Newberry Correctional Facility. He has worked



for the department for 26 years and is known for being reliable, honorable and knowledgeable. He completes tasks accurately and efficiently and he routinely volunteers for

extra/emergency assignments.

Derek Wright, is a corrections officer at Parnall



Correctional Facility, who has worked for the department for 24 years. He understands the importance of encouragement, being a listening ear and treating everyone with respect. His integrity and strong moral character create a

positive work environment at his facility.

MDOC BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT

Governor Whitmer proclaimed February as Black History month in Michigan, in recognition of the significant cultural, historical and economic Contributions African Americans have made to the development of America and the American way of life, while encouraging each of us to take time to reflect on the systemic barriers Black Americans have faced and still face to this day.

Donald Bosley began his career with the Michigan Department of Corrections in the Residential Treatment Program at the Scott Correctional Facility in 1995. A retired Marine and former nurse and



childcare worker with the Michigan Department of Human Services (now MDHHS), Officer Bosley used his previous work and long-time youth volunteer experience to make a difference

for the women housed with RTP. At the time of his recognition, former Scott Correctional Facility Warden Joan Yukins said, “I am proud of the contributions that Officer Bosley has made to the RTP program and the Scott Facility team effort. It is my privilege to work with a staff member that is so highly respected by staff and prisoners. He is a positive role model for all staff, prisoners, and citizens in the State of Michigan.”

Scott Correctional’s RTP unit housed female prisoners who were battling mental health issues and disorders and was administered by employees of the Department of Community Health. At the time of his COY award, Officer Bosley said he enjoyed his work at the facility but was already planning for a new position. “I’d like to work with mentally ill male prisoners,” he said. “I see that as a new challenge.” Officer Bosley was more than familiar with overcoming challenges. The former Marine was a Vietnam veteran who earned two Purple Hearts and a Navy Commendation Medal, who said the war was a defining moment in his life. “I promised God that if I got out alive, I’d spend the rest of my life in service to others.”

That was a promise many would say Officer Bosley kept. After returning home he donated his time and coached kids in the Romulus Athletic League and spoke at high schools and before youth organizations on the topic of preventing teen suicide. During his time with both MDHHS and the MDOC, Officer Bosley found his work with children and individuals dealing with mental health issues especially rewarding. As a certified substance abuse counselor, he also led Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous groups at the Scott facility. Following his 2000 Corrections Officer of the Year recognition, Officer Scott went on to Department Analyst and Human Resources Developer positions at Western Wayne and Huron Valley Correctional Facilities and retired as an HRD from Huron Valley in 2007.

CHEF JIMMY HILL TAKES SECOND IN HERO GROUP IN THE FAVORITE CHEF COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who supported Chef Jimmy Hill in the Favorite Chef competition. We are proud to share that Chef Hill came in second in the Hero group. A true hero who focuses on building safer communities by helping individuals change their lives through food education, Chef Hill takes first place in our book every day of the week. Congratulations on a great placement in this year’s competition, Chef Hill. Thank you for all that you do!

A Message from Chef Jimmy Hill

I want to express my gratitude to the MDOC for supporting me in The Favorite Chef Contest by taking the time out to vote. It really meant a lot to me and I am extremely humbled to receive this kind of response from the department. Thanks again, I really appreciate it.
Blessings,
J. Hill



MDOC WELCOMES 162 NEW OFFICERS

The Michigan Department of Corrections welcomed 162 new corrections officers in March as members of the O’Bell T. Winn Academy class. MDOC Director Heidi Washington and class namesake, retired Warden Tom Winn, addressed the recruits and offered them words of advice during graduation ceremonies held on March 5 in the Upper Peninsula and March 19 in the Lower Peninsula.



Graduating recruits earned awards for personal conduct and academic achievement.

Award winners included:

Upper Peninsula Academy

- Josephine B. McCallum Award, Corrections Officer William Castilleja, Kinross Correctional Facility
- Jack Budd Award, Officer Robert Smith, Alger Correctional Facility

- Academic Excellence Award, Officer Levi Thompson, Chippewa Correctional Facility Lower Peninsula Academy
- Josephine B. McCallum Award, Officer Chantel Johnson, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
- Jack Budd Award, Officer Kyle Barr, Alger Correctional Facility
- Academic Achievement Award, Officer Kayla Johnson, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility

We also extend our thanks to the veteran and active duty service members of the UP Warden Winn class, including officers Keather Baynton, Benjamin Peterman, Levi Thompson, and Ronald Webster. and the LP Warden Winn class, including officers Terri Bartlett, Alexander Darnell, Thomas Dulz, Transton Frederick, Ryan Gantz, Kevin Kane, Jason Kline, Steven McDowell, Zachary Meyer, Kingsley Njoku, Ryan Risner, Walter Shiflet, Angela Spayde, Michael Thonnissen, and Kyle Wilkinson.

Congratulations to all our new corrections officers.

NEW OFFICER IS LOOKING TO CHANGE LIVES.

Corrections Officer Chantel Jones was studying criminal justice at Ferris State University when she discovered the field of corrections in a classroom presentation. Jones had not thought of becoming a corrections officer before but after learning about



Officer Chantel Jones

what the department has to offer, she quickly knew it was the right fit for her. “Ever since I was little, I knew I wanted to do something in criminal

justice,” Officer Jones said. “When I saw the presentation, I knew it was a good fit for me. I wish I had done it sooner.” Officer Jones, who is joining the team at Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility, said being a corrections officer is more than just a job. It is an opportunity to help others. “I want to help in any way I can,” she said. “If I can change any life, I would like to.”

Officer Jones, who is the recipient of the Josephine B. McCallum Award, explained how being in a structured environment was an adjustment, but with the help of her fellow classmates, she developed the confidence she needed going into her new position as a corrections officer.

“We formed a family,” officer Jones said describing her classmates. “Our relationships have flourished.”

For those considering joining the academy, Officer Jones offers words of advice.

“Stay positive, know your end goal,” she said. “It’s not going to be easy, stay focused and stay humble.”

NEW OFFICER IS
DEDICATED TO MAKING
A DIFFERENCE

After taking a break from law enforcement and working in aerospace quality, Corrections Officer Andrew Bradfield was ready to get back into the law enforcement field. “It just feels right to be in a position to help assist other people,” said Officer



Officer Andrew
Bradfield

Bradfield. Officer Bradfield graduated from Ferris State University in 2012 and worked for three different law enforcement agencies before

changing career paths. His brother had nudged him for years to consider becoming a corrections officer, but the COVID pandemic was just the push he needed to begin his career as a corrections officer.

“With my prior experience, I feel I have a lot to bring to the table,” he said. “I have a lot to learn, but I feel optimistic.”

Officer Bradfield, who will be joining the team at Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility, enjoyed the academy and discovered his leadership abilities throughout the process.

“Most know they can come to me if they need assistance,” he said referring to his academy classmates. “We have to make sure we are there for each other.” He said he would tell new recruits to do their research and know the field they are going in. Take all training seriously and do not be afraid to fail. “There is a lesson to be learned in our failure,” said Officer Bradfield. “The greatest failure is to think the contrary.”

RECIDIVISM RATE
LOWEST IN STATE HISTORY

Michigan’s recidivism rate has dropped for the second year in a row and continues to stand at its lowest rate in state history. Recidivism in Michigan has hovered around 30 percent in past years and it reflects a sharp drop from 1998 when the rate was 45.7 percent. Last year, the department’s recidivism rate stood at 26.7 percent. The year before that it was at 29.1 percent. In 2020, the department built upon its success and began new efforts to further enhance Offender Success that will help to reduce the number of people coming back to prison even more in the years to come.

The department’s third Vocational Village is set to launch soon at the Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility. And last summer, the MDOC and the Michigan Department of State announced a joint initiative to help returning citizens reintegrate into their communities by providing them with a driver’s license or state ID upon their parole. Efforts to reduce opioid addiction, provide mentors to parolees and use of a new model to improve interactions with those the MDOC supervises are just some of the plans rolling out this year as part of the department’s strategic plan. “We are proud to see the rate of recidivism continue to

decline. It is a clear sign we are on the right path,” said Department of Corrections Director Heidi Washington. “Our focus on long-term public safety not only helps those under our supervision and their families, but also the wider community, as having fewer people coming to prison, means less crime and fewer victims.”

While the department sees the drop in the recidivism rate as a positive sign, the fact that far fewer people are in prison today, is just as an important of a measure of success. The prison population now is at 33,000, which is a level not seen in 30 years.

Since 2015, the prison population has dropped by 21 percent, due to a focus on programming for probationers to give them the tools needed to not end up in prison, greatly expanding programming and educational opportunities for prisoners and enhanced methods of supervision upon release that lead to better outcomes and increased employment.

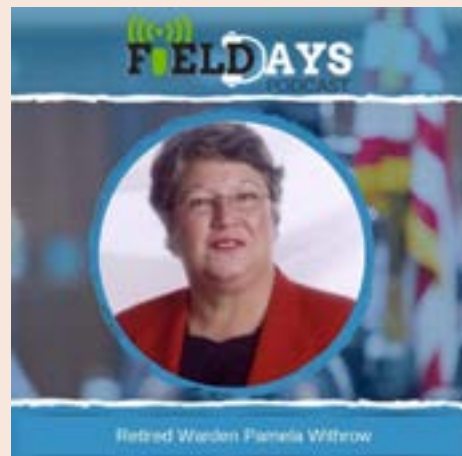
“Our staff, from the prison to the field and everywhere in between have all had a hand in our success and it is because of their efforts, we continue to see these historic declines,” Washington said.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March was women's history month. To celebrate the accomplishments of women in the department, the MDOC Equal Employment Opportunity office hosted a virtual Women's History Month Table Talk on March 29. Women leaders in various areas of the department spoke about their career journeys, challenges, successes and experiences working in a historically male-dominated career field. The live event included introductory remarks from Director Heidi Washington. Panelists included Metro Region FOA Assistant Deputy Director Beverly Smith, Recruitment Manager Lachelle Fuller, Education Manager Heather Gay

and Assistant Deputy Director Cindy Dodds-Dugan. Attendees were able to ask the panelists questions and listen to their insight and advice. If you missed the event, you can watch a recording of the [MDOC Women's History Month Table Talk](#)

Celebrate Women's History month with the 2019 Field Days podcast featuring Michigans first female warden of a male prison, Pamela Withrow.



[Celebrate Women's History Month With Retired Warden Pamela Withrow](#)

MDOC Presents

Women's History Month Table Talk

Join us for a virtual Table Talk with women of the MDOC. These influential women will discuss their career journeys, challenges, successes and experiences working in a historically male-dominated career field.

Monday, March 29, 2021 at 10 a.m.

With Guest Speakers:

- Heidi Washington, Director
- Beverly Smith, Assistant Deputy Director Metro Region-FOA
- Lachelle Fuller, Recruitment Manager
- Heather Gay, Education Manager
- Cindy Dodds-Dugan, Assistant Deputy Director

THANK YOU, MDOC HONOR GUARD

We join Director Heidi Washington in thanking the MDOC Honor Guard for representing the department with such honor and grace, and for being a source of comfort to those grieving the loss of corrections professionals both here at home and across the country.

In March, the Honor Guard traveled to Iowa to represent the MDOC and honor fallen Iowa Department of Corrections employees Nurse Lorna Schulte and Corrections Officer McFarland. Earlier this year they also traveled to Indiana to honor Lieutenant Eugene Lasco who was killed while working at Indiana State Prison in February.

Honor Guard members are silent sentinels to the fallen and a visual reminder for the public of the honor, duty and courage correctional employees demonstrate every day.

We thank them for their service.



Prison population projected to decline through 2025

The Michigan prison population decreased by 11.6 percent in 2020, making it the lowest prison population has been in nearly 30 years.

In a report issued to the Legislature, the Michigan Department of Corrections projects that decline will continue until at least 2025, when the population could go as low as 31,389.

Today, the prison population stands at 32,822. This comes after seven straight years of declines in the prisoner population, however, the drastic decline in 2020 was primarily due to COVID-19, which saw a 43 percent decrease in people being sent to prison by the courts. This was also the seventh year in a row of declines in probation violators being sent to prison and the 12th year in a row of declines in parole violators with a new sentence being sent to prison.

“We are pleased to see the prison population continue to decline,” said Michigan Department of Corrections Director Heidi Washington. “The steady decline in prison population demonstrates our efforts to enhance offender success

are working. By focusing on long-term offender success, we are successfully reducing the number of people reentering prison.”

While the drastic decline in prisoner population in 2020 was largely due to COVID-19, trends show that prison population continues to drop due to a focus on programming. Michigan’s recidivism rate, which measures the percentage of offenders who return to prison within three years of release, is at its lowest rate in state history. By giving probationers the tools and resources needed to be successful outside of prison it leads to a steady decrease of people reentering prisons.

Michigan’s prison population projections are generated by a computerized simulation model, developed originally by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). It was then adapted for Michigan by the MDOC’s Office of Research and Planning. The computerized simulation model mimics the movement of prisoners through the corrections system and uses past practice and prior year trends to predict future patterns.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Check out these great episodes of the Field Days Podcast

[Dr. David Chinsky Series: Telework Tips for Employees and Supervisors](#)

[Dr. David Chinsky Series: A Growth Mindset During Covid-19](#)



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**CORRECTIONS OFFENDER
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

FOOD SERVICE APPLICATION MEAL TRACKING FUNCTIONALITY ROLLOUT

The COMS Food Service application was released 16 months ago on October 1, 2019. However, the meal tracking functionality within the Food Service application was not released at that time due to constraints in providing training to all meal tracking users.

We are now at the point where the meal tracking functionality can be rolled out; and to accommodate CFA's training needs, the Project team and CFA leadership have determined that training will be provided to staff in three phases. Each phase will have its own training and rollout schedule.

All Institutional Training Officers (ITOs) completed their initial meal tracking training in January 2021 and they are now preparing for training meal tracking users at their facilities. Gus Harrison and Oaks was the first to roll out the new functionality in the pilot release which occurred on March 2. This pilot was followed by twelve facilities in phase 2, which rolled out on April 27, and thirteen facilities in phase 3, which will roll out on June 22.

Those who need to be trained at each facility will be contacted by the ITOs well before the new functionality is released at each facility.

The COMS Project team is currently holding Readiness Call meetings every two weeks with facility Change Champions and ITOs and these calls will continue until the full implementation is completed in late June 2021. These calls are recorded and are available on the COMS Project website for those that are interested in hearing more about the implementation of the Meal Tracking functionality within the COMS Food Service application.

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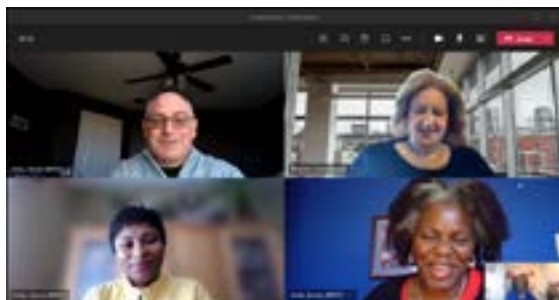
The Extra Mile

MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



In December of 2018, Corrections Officer Matthew Schultz was working at Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility when a prisoner swallowed an unknown substance and began to choke. After attempts to clear the inmates' airway were unsuccessful, Officer Schultz performed abdominal thrusts which released the package from his throat. The package contained 16 small individually wrapped packages of marijuana. Officer Schultz's quick actions and ability to perform at a high level earned him the department's Lifesaving Award.

Muskegon Correctional Facility's Larry Ruby was recognized with a Warden's Coin of Achievement for going above and beyond in assisting in various areas of the facility. Ruby was also presented with the MCF Facility Coin as he is retiring at the end of March.



Lincoln Park Parole Agent Charles Bean received a Good Government Coin of Excellence presented by Assistant Deputy Director Beverly Smith. Agent Bean has maintained an employment rate of over 80% for the previous three months. Agent Bean's fantastic employment rate, especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic, is a reflection of his hard work and commitment to offender success.

The Extra Mile continued...

Flint Probation Agent Wendi Jackson received a Warden's Coin of Achievement, along with a letter of appreciation from Warden Randee Rewerts of Carson City Correctional Facility. Agent Jackson volunteered at Carson City Correctional Facility during their recent pandemic response in December of 2020. We thank Agent Jackson for assisting CFA while still maintaining her probation agent caseload duties.



On March 31, Michigan Department of Corrections 2021 Corrections Officer of the Year, Officer Vikas Vj with Thumb Correctional Facility, was presented with a Michigan State Senate Officer of the Year recognition tribute from Senator Michael MacDonald (R-Macomb). We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition

Newberry Correctional Facility Lieutenant Jerry McGinn was presented a retirement plaque. Lt. McGinn retired in March with 25 years of service.



Corrections Officer Joel Michaelson was on his way to work at Baraga Correctional Facility in August 2019 when he noticed smoke coming from a structure. Officer Michealson Called for assistance and approached the building where he located a fire hose. Officer Michealson deployed the garden hose onto an adjacent building to stop it from burning. He was able to keep adjacent structures from catching fire until the local fire department arrived on the scene. Officer Michealson's swift thinking and attending to duty both at and away from work earned him the department's Citizenship Award.

Corrections Quiz

Who was the first MDOC employee to receive the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine?

Send your answer to Brianna Brugel at BrugelB1@michigan.org. The first person to answer correctly will receive a congratulatory shout out and the answer and winner will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

December/January Quiz Recap

How many new officers joined the Michigan Department of Corrections with the Upper Peninsula Daniel Lesatz graduation ceremony held in November of last year?

Answer: 31

Congratulations to **Ashley Bryner**, with CFA Classification for being the first to correctly answer the December/January Corrections Quiz. Great job!

Law Enforcement Torch Run Upcoming Events

Michigan's Law Enforcement Torch Run is celebrating its 37th year in 2021. On June 14, they are hosting a golf outing at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford, MI. All events will be adhering to state COVID-19 guidelines.

Other Events Include:

Cornhole Tournament, May 22 at 3 p.m at the Unified Sports and Inclusion Center in Grand Rapids

SODA Classic August 5 at 12 p.m. at Pholcat Golf Course in Mount Pleasant.



Mystic Creek Golf Course
1 Champions Circle Milford, MI 48380

Monday June 14, 2021
Registration – 8am Shotgun start – 9am

\$100 per golfer - \$400 per team
18 holes, cart, breakfast and lunch at the turn

Contact – Garth Burnside 734-260-5850
LETRMSP1425@gmail.com

Payment by – Cash, Check, Credit Card, Venmo, Zelle, PayPal or Apple Pay





Eagle Package - \$5,000
- 2 foursomes for golf and dinner
- Company banner on Pro Shop
- Recognition on all golf carts and holes
- LETR shirt/challenge coin for 8 golfers

Birdie Package - \$2,500
- 2 foursomes for golf and dinner
- Recognition on all hole signs
- LETR shirt/challenge coin for 8 golfers

Par Package - \$1,000
- 1 foursome for golf and dinner
- Recognition on nine (9) holes

Chip Shot Package - \$750
- 1 foursome for golf and dinner
- LETR shirt/challenge coin for 4 golfers

Hole Sponsorship - \$150
- Recognition on one (1) hole

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Michigan's Law Enforcement Torch Run will be celebrating its 37th year in 2021. We are the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle.

For the last 9 years LETR Michigan has raised more than \$1,000,000 for Special Olympics.

LETR transforms communities by inspiring people to accept and include people with intellectual disabilities - celebrating differences among all people and recognizing and respecting the similarities we all share. For athletes and officers alike, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is a story of success, love, respect and commitment between law enforcement officers and Special Olympic athletes.



SNAPSHOTS

A look at life around the MDOC



On March 12, the Central Area Management Team meeting engaged in a wellness physical and mental health fitness activity led by Region Manager Secretary Belinda Davis.



A rainbow appears outside Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility on March 24. Photo By Linda Wirth.



Staff at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility write messages outside the facility honoring Corrections Officer Marcell Reno who passed away unexpectedly on March 13. Officer Reno's absence is felt by all, he will truly be missed.



On January 28, Carson City Correctional Facility staff along with the help of the National Guard administered 223 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Corrections in the News

Michigan's recidivism rate lowest in state history - MLIVE

Loved ones excited in-person visits will resume in Michigan prisons, after a year of shut down due to pandemic - CBS Detroit

162 new corrections officers join the michigan department of corrections - NBC 25

Thumb correctional Facility officer named Corrections Officer of the Year - ABC 12

One-third of Michigan prisoners are vaccinated, but staff numbers don't tell whole story - Detroit Free Press

Spread the word about some of the great things happening at the MDOC and share these stories with friends, family and coworkers.

Seen on Twitter..



To see more, follow the MDOC on [Twitter](#).

Committed to Protect, Dedicated to Success

—August and September New Hires—

Andersen, Colin	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Armitage, Tiffany	Corrections QMHP, Michigan Reformatory
Armstrong-Stimac, Molly	Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Banasiak, Jonathan	Cook, Newberry Correctional Facility
Baschab, Kelsea	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Batho, Thomas	Storekeeper, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Berger, Lucas	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Berry, Tina	Resident Care Aide, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Burrows, Eric	Registered Nurse, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Carman, Amanda	Registered Nurse, Macomb Correctional Facility
Cochran, Makenzie	Departmental Technician, Central Office
Collins, Vivianne	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Cottle, Raymond	Maintenance Mechanic, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Dionise, Susan	General Office Assistant, Michigan State Industries
Elter, Lewis	Trades Instructor, Parnall Correctional Facility
Freeman-Glanton, Marcia	Trades Instructor, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Fulgenzi, Kameron	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Fulgenzi, Stephenie	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Hancock, Cindy	Registered Nurse, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Hansen, Taylor	Corrections QMHP, Carson City Correctional Facility
Harden, Tabitha	Corrections QMHP, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Healy, Lori	Corrections QMHP, Parnall Correctional Facility
Heikkinen, Sandi	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Hewson, Ron	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Hogan, Devin	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Int-Hout, Haley	Corrections Officer, Newberry Correctional Facility
Jeske, Courtney	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Johnson, Cateeva	Corrections QMHP, Macomb Correctional Facility
Kanyo, Jolene	Licensed Practical Nurse, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Kautz, Nicole	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Kinnunen, Eric	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Kochis, Peter	Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Kosarue- Diarra, Jennifer	Corrections QMHP, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Laclair, Anna	Cook, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Lipponen, Cassandra	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Lobbezoo, Joylynn	Corrections QMHP, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Lounds, Keith	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Malmgren, Otis	Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Mudloff, William	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Pederson, Jeromy	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Perrin, Cresencio	Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Precour, Paul	Trades Instructor, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Presley, Darasha	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Presley, Darashay	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Rader III, Basil	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Rader Jr., Basil	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Ranta, Todd	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Ribich, Bailey	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Rutkowski, Brenda	Corrections Qmhp, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Santti, Austin	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility

—August and September New Hires—

Scheitz, Emily
Schrauth, George,
Segerstrom, Tracy
Shell, Melissa
Singh, Navdeep
Smith, Jennifer
Strange, Philip
Swanson, Savannah
Vanalstine, Ray
Warner, Chase
Wilcox, Austin
Wright, Joshua

Corrections QMHP, Ionia Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Recreational Therapist, Ionia Correctional Facility
Corrections QMHP, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Corrections QMHP, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Registered Nurse, Parnall Correctional Facility

August and September Retirements

Adams, Dana	Medical Records Examiner, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Allen, Gwendolyn	Corrections QMHP, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Allen, Vata	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration
Appleton, Brent	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Axley, Robert	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Barker, James	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Barnes, William	Corrections Officer, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Bean, Barry	Corrections Officer, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Berry, James	Prison Counselor, Parnall Correctional Facility
Berson, Brent	Corrections Officer, Muskegon Correctional Facility
Bosley, Robert	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Brand, Marc	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Brenton, James	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Brink, Bryan	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration
Brown, Donna	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Burton, Dewayne	Warden, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Clark, David	School Teacher, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Coleman, Raymond	Corrections Officer, Muskegon Correctional Facility
Collins, Gary	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Carson City Correctional Facility
Coston, Stephen	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Cunningham, James	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Dege, David	Corrections Transportation Officer, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Deliso, Christopher	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Duvall, John	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Farrar, Mark	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Fedewa, Diane	Secretary, Central Office
Filppula, Lynnette	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Foor, Daniel	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration
Foy, William	Deputy Warden, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Gable, Robert	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Garner, Violet	Assistant Deputy Warden, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Goliday, Earl	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Goodreau, Thomas	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Gooseberry, Bill	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Haynes, Mark	Practical Licensed Nurse, Marquette Branch Prison
Helzer, Charles	Corrections Officer, Newberry Correctional Facility
Hubert, Roland	Corrections Officer, Thumb Correctional Facility
Irvin, William	Corrections Officer, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Jajey, Scott	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Kidder, Daniel	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
King, Carla	Storekeeper, Thumb Correctional Facility
Kinnear, Rodney	Equipment Operator, Central Office
Kowitz, Brent	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Laitinen, Michael	Resident Unit Manager, Marquette Branch Prison
Loomis, Deborah	Corrections Officer, Muskegon Correctional Facility
Mars, David	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
McCooy, James	Corrections Transportation Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
McKee, Kenneth	CFA Deputy Director, Central Office
Mckenzie, Scott	Corrections Officer, Muskegon Correctional Facility
Middlebrook, Decarlo	Corrections Officer Parnall Correctional Facility

August and September Retirements

Monck, Jeffrey	Corrections Program Coordinator, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Monticello, Gerald	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Alger Correctional Facility
Morang, David	Corrections Officer, Oaks Correctional Facility
Niemi, Steven	Resident Unit Manager, Baraga Correctional Facility
Nolan, Francis	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Norris, Rhoda	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Nylander, Becki	Administrative Manager, Alger Correctional Facility
Parsons, Donald	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Pifer, Michell	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Prieto, Keith	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Purchase, David	Licensed Electrician, Carson City Correctional Facility
Pushee, Jeff	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Reeves, John	Corrections Officer, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Robinson, William	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration
Rogers, Joan	Dietitian Nutritionist, Adrian Correctional Facility
Rosseau, Lisa	Medical Records Examiner, Baraga Correctional Facility
Sage, James	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration
Salinas, Joel	Corrections resident Representative, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Samuels, Sandra	General Office Assistant, Detroit Reentry Center
Sawaya, Ronda	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Schummer, Darrell	Corrections Officer, Newberry Correctional Facility
Serafin, Joseph	Institution Chaplain, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Shaffer, Daniel	Corrections Officer, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Sharon, Linda	Field Agent, Detroit Reentry Center
Shimmons, Bradley	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Signor, Scott	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Simmons, Lashae	Resident Unit Manager, Muskegon Correctional Facility
Skeans, Earnest	Corrections Officer, Oaks Correctional Facility
Smith, Curtis	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Smith, Erin	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration
Soeltner, Patrick	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Alger Correctional Facility
Thompson, Gena	Librarian, Parnall Correctional Facility
Thompson, Terry	Corrections Officer, Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Treadway, Dennis	Corrections Program Coordinator, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Turley, Robert	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Walsh, Anthony	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Macomb Correctional Facility
Wealton, Ronald	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Weller, Darrel	Corrections Officer, Oaks Correctional Facility
Wilson, Jeffrey	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Witmer, Scott	Storekeeper, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Zalewski, Gregory	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility