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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATION ENHANCES PUBLIC SAFETY

Governor Snyder released his recommendation for the fiscal year (FY) 2012-13 budget on February 9, 2012. In his recommendation, the Michigan Department of Corrections budget is allocated \$2.05 billion of which \$1.97 billion is the general fund/general purpose (GF/GP) funding. This is a 1.8% overall increase and a 0.9% increase in GF/GP funding.

The budget recommendation includes \$1.53 billion GF/GP on prison operations, \$339 million on parole and probation services, and \$104 million on administration. There are also one-time allocations of \$1.23 million for information technology adjustments and \$12.87 million for lump sum payments to employees as part of the current employee compensation agreement.



While the Department sees a slightly larger budget than this fiscal year, there are still some significant savings that the agency must meet. Those savings total \$55.3 million and include:

- \$32.5 million full-year savings resulting from the closure of Mound Correctional Facility;
- \$10 million savings due to the reduction in offender caseloads within the Field Operations Administration (FOA);
- \$7.3 million savings from competitively bidding health care services;
- \$2.5 million savings from competitively bidding mental health care services;

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GREAT NEWS! NO FURLOUGHS OR BLT FOR WORKERS THIS YEAR!

Governor Rick Snyder recently announced that unionized workers will not face furlough days or banked leave time this year. Because of concessions reached during the collective bargaining process and a surplus that will help cover expenditures in the coming fiscal year, these cost-saving measures are no longer necessary. This is the first year since 2002 when at least one group of state employees is not facing either furlough days, banked leave time, or both. Stay tuned as the budget process continues.

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- \$1.3 million savings from competitively bidding the operation of Woodland Center Correctional Facility;
- \$816,000 savings from supervisory staff adjustment;
- \$91,500 savings from Correctional Facility Administration (CFA) regional offices; and
- \$709,700 savings from other departmental savings initiatives.

The budget also includes:

- \$5.4 million for CFA to operate additional beds at four existing facilities and account for the closure of beds at higher cost facilities;
- \$5 million in funding for the increase in required payment for the Neal Case legal settlement;
- \$4.53 million to train up to 403 more replacement corrections officers. Current base funding allows for 220 officers. The expected need may be up to 1,000 new officers based on retirements and normal attrition;
- \$2.45 million for I.T. maintenance and development staff;
- \$3.5 million to maintain closed facilities. These funds will be allocated to each closed facility based on needs identified by the Department;
- \$800,000 to offset un-recuperated costs associated with offender supervision fees; and
- \$146,000 in utility adjustments.



The budget also provides funding for program enhancements:

- \$5.3 million in restricted funds for special security equipment that allows for the detection and monitoring of illicit cellular telephone use

within the secure perimeter of correctional facilities;

- \$4.5 million to assist law enforcement in addressing immediate jail space needs in high crime areas; and
- \$13.9 million in restricted funds for capital outlay items specifically designated to enhance staff safety - specifically the replacement of personal protection equipment at multiple facilities and the addition of security cameras at designated facilities.

**THE BUDGET PROCESS**

The budget must be approved through both chambers of the Michigan Legislature. Appropriations subcommittees will compose budget recommendations for each of the state departments. Those recommendations will be reported out to the full appropriations committee. Following hearings and amendments to the bill, it is reported to the floor. The House of Representatives and the Senate both adopt separate versions of each department's budget bill. If there are differences in the bills that are passed in the House and Senate, a conference committee will recommend a final bill to ensure both versions are the same. If both chambers agree on the bill, it is passed. Final approval of the bill into law is carried out with the Governor's signature. The Governor has the authority to veto specific lines of the budget bill prior to signing it into law. Any vetoed items can be overruled with a 2/3 vote of both chambers of the legislature. Governor Snyder has set a deadline of July 1 to have a two-year budget in place, though only the first year is legally binding.

Stay tuned to F.Y.I. for updates on the budget process as it unfolds.



PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

## DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS RECOGNIZE THE EXEMPLARY EFFORTS OF OUR EMPLOYEES

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE

#### *Inspector Stops Smuggling Effort*

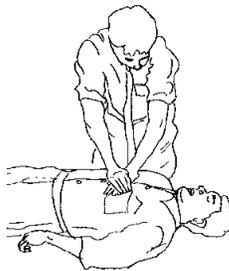
Andy Hubble of Newberry Correctional Facility was temporarily assigned to the acting Inspector position at the facility. During his work in the position, he found that contraband was being introduced into the facility. Over the next several months, he continued to monitor and collect information related to the smuggling scheme. Working with the Internal Affairs section, Hubble was able to gather more information and access resources that allowed him to complete the investigation. His tenacity and ability to follow through on the information he initially received resulted in the arrest of a former corrections officer and the transfer of several prisoners involved in the scheme. Hubble used his communication skills, work ethic, organizational ability, and access to technology to help him uncover the criminal enterprise that jeopardized the security of the facility. Because of his efforts, the staff and prisoners at Newberry Correctional Facility are all safer.



### LIFE SAVERS

#### *Officer Delivers CPR for 40 Minutes*

On September 3, 2011, Officer Scott Binkley of Marquette Branch Prison, attempted to save the life of a friend who went into cardiac arrest. Binkley, who was camping at the time, and another responder performed CPR for nearly 40 minutes until EMS arrived. Although the man died as a result of the heart attack,



Binkley's heroic efforts are commendable and demonstrated his resolve in providing life-saving measures in a very stressful situation. For his actions, he received the Department's Lifesaving Award.

#### *Two Officers Save a Prisoner from Choking to Death*

On September 13, 2011, Officer Paul Malmo and Ryan Dean from Woodland Center Correctional Facility responded to a prisoner who was choking and unable to breathe. Malmo quickly called for medical staff while Dean delivered between 15 and 20 abdominal thrusts, dislodging the airway obstruction. The prisoner was on the verge of losing consciousness when the item was dislodged. The quick and decisive lifesaving actions by Officers Malmo and Dean saved the prisoner's life. For their efforts, they received the Department's Lifesaving Award.



#### *Staff Respond to Prisoner in Cardiac Arrest*



As reported in the October 11, 2011 issue of F.Y.I., four staff from Thumb Correctional Facility responded to a prisoner who was in cardiac arrest. Officer Terry Honicutt, and three Maintenance Mechanics - Ronald Rabideau, Marc Schrubbe and James Polly each received the Department's Lifesaving Award for their efforts in providing first aid and using the AED to restart the prisoner's heart. The prisoner was alert and talking when transported to the local hospital for advanced care.

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**AWARDS** (Continued from page 3)

### **Officers Save Prisoner Who Was Attempting Suicide**

On November 8, 2011, Corrections Officers John Hassen and Nicholas Sata of Woodland Center Correctional Facility responded to a prisoner who attempted suicide by hanging. The two officers called for assistance, entered the cell and lowered the prisoner to his bunk. They assessed his condition and monitored him until health care arrived. Their decisive action and quick thinking saved the prisoner's life and for that, they both received the Department's Lifesaving Award.

### **Officers Save Coworker's Life After Serious Car Accident**

On January 13, 2012, two officers from St. Louis Correctional Facility displayed their professionalism and their dedication in taking action to assist their fellow coworker.

Officer Jolley was en route to work when he came upon an accident. Since he could see the driver still inside the vehicle, Jolley



pulled over and ran to his aid discovering the victim was a coworker, Sgt. Andrew Ellison. Officer Jolley crawled inside the vehicle on the passenger side to calm

Sgt. Ellison. A second coworker, who also worked for the Mid Michigan Community Fire Department, arrived as he received the call to report to an accident scene. Officer Cory Irvin realized the only way to extract Sgt. Ellison from his vehicle was to remove both passenger side doors and the roof of the vehicle. As Officer Irvin worked to extract Sgt. Ellison, Officer Jolley continued talking to Sgt. Ellison, keeping him calm. Once Sgt. Ellison was removed, he was placed in an ambulance and transported to a local hospital with Officer Irvin riding along. While en route to the hospital, Sgt. Ellison suddenly went into cardiac arrest. Officer Irvin immediately began chest compressions while the paramedics hooked the AED up to Sgt. Ellison. A shock was delivered after which Officer Irvin continued with chest compressions until there was a pulse.

Sgt. Ellison was transferred from the local hospital to Sparrow Hospital for advanced treatment of his injuries.

Officer Irvin's and Officer Jolley's response and assistance in this tragic accident proved to be an important and life-saving decision. Both officers are an asset to the St. Louis Correctional Facility and the Michigan Department of Corrections.

## **JCF HOLDS 6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**

G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility (JCF) held its 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off recently. The facility's Prisoner Reentry Coordinator, K. Dabner coordinated the event. JCF had 16 entrants in the field. First Place went to Officer O'Connell and 2nd place going to A/Grievance Coordinator C. Johnson. JCF raised \$555, with all proceeds going to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.



## ARU JOINS NEWLY FORMED LANSING AREA FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Absconder Recovery Unit (ARU) is very successful at what they do; so successful that they were invited by The United States Marshal Service (USMS) - Michigan's Western District to help form a fugitive task force for the Lansing area. The Department and the USMS recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that created the task force.



*Left to right: U.S. Marshal for Michigan's Western District Peter Munoz, ARU Investigators Phil Smith and Ken Hatfield.*

On December 9, 2011, a formal ceremony took place at the federal court in Lansing. ARU Investigators Ken Hatfield and Phil Smith were officially deputized as USMS Task Force Officers. They were sworn in by U.S. Marshal Peter Munoz who is the U.S. Marshal for Michigan's Western District.

Marshal Munoz was appointed by the President to the position after retiring as the Director of the Michigan State Police. Ken and Phil were issued USMS credentials that allow them to cross state lines when working with the USMS to apprehend absconders and felony fugitives. It also allows them to assist the USMS on U.S. Marshal assigned cases.

This new relationship will ensure that our investigators are working together with other law enforcement officers via a task force designed to enhance safety, share information, and apprehend more fugitives. The partnership also provides additional training opportunities at no cost to the Department. The task force is comprised of officers from the USMS, Michigan State Police, Michigan State University Police, and the Department's ARU. It is officially known as the Lansing Area Fugitive Task Force.

## NAAWS CONFERENCE IN APRIL

The North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS) is having its annual conference this year in Springfield, Missouri. The conference will be April 15-18, 2012 at the University Plaza Hotel. The four day conference includes a trip to Branson, MO for a musical show and a tour of the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield.



To register for the conference, go to [www.naaws.corrections.com/conference\\_reg.html](http://www.naaws.corrections.com/conference_reg.html) or contact Lisa Kelsey at [jkelsey@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jkelsey@rochester.rr.com) for more information.

Michigan corrections professionals have been involved in NAAWS for many years and have been recognized with three warden of the year recipients; the most recent being Warden Millicent Warren of Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVE, CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR ATTEND G.E.D. GRADUATION CEREMONY AT SLF**

On February 3, 2012, fifty-two prisoners from the St. Louis Correctional Facility (SLF) graduated after earning their General Education Diploma (GED) certificates. All of the graduates worked diligently in their academic programs and were celebrated at their graduation by State Representative Joe Haveman (R-Holland), Director Daniel Heyns, Correctional Facilities Administration Deputy Director Tom Finco, Office of Employment Readiness Administrator William Wilson, Acting Education Manager Tony Costello, and School Principal Kristine Davidson, among others. A number of the prisoners' family members were there to support them on such a proud day. SLF allows family members of the graduates to attend graduation ceremonies.

The graduation ceremony began with a welcome greeting and opening remarks by Principal Davidson, and introductions of the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian. The valedictorian and salutatorian were chosen based upon them earning the top two highest GED scores out of their entire graduating class.

The keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony was State Representative Joe Haveman, Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections. Rep. Haveman provided words of encouragement to the graduating prisoners that hopefully will inspire them in all of their future endeavors.

SLF has their graduation ceremony annually and is very proud of the success demonstrated by their graduates this year. Staff and prisoners at the facility were glad to have the support of Rep. Haveman, Director Heyns and Deputy Director Finco at this year's graduation. SLF looks forward to celebrating their next class of graduates.

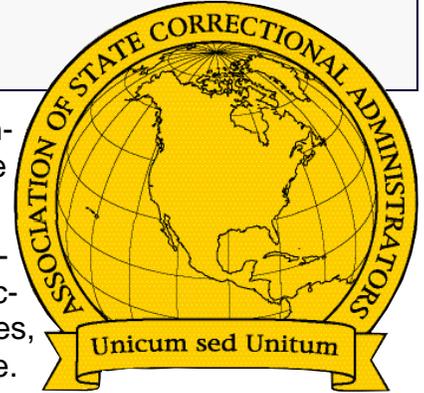
*This article was submitted by Corrections Education Student Assistant Jazmen Moore.*



**L to R:** Kristine Davidson, John Busch, Administrator William Wilson, Warden Steve Rivard, State Rep. Joseph Haveman, CFA Dep. Director Tom Finco, Director Daniel Heyns, Tony Costello, Rep. Haveman's Chief of Staff Rami Haddad, and Glenn Bongard.



## **SUSAN B. HUNTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE**



The Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) is announcing its application process for 2012 college scholarships. To be eligible for a scholarship student applicants must be:

1. The son or daughter of a corrections employee (current full-time, retired, or deceased) within an ASCA-member department of corrections (includes Federal Bureau of Prisons). Correctional employees, along with their siblings, spouses, and grandchildren, are **not** eligible.
2. Enrolled full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university; or an accredited graduate program. In prior years the scholarships have been: \$1,000 for undergraduate students, \$1,500 for graduate students and \$500 for previous award recipients.
3. Incoming first-time freshmen, along with enrolled full-time college and graduate students, must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0. Graduate students' field of study must be Corrections/Criminal Justice.

Applicants should go to the ASCA website at:

<http://collaboration.asca.net/projects/20/pages/149> to learn about the scholarship process;

and to

<http://collaboration.asca.net/projects/20/pages/153> to apply for a scholarship.

Scholarship applications (and all required documentation) are due to the ASCA office on **March 31, 2012 (postmarked no later than March 31, 2012)**. The Scholarship Review Committee will make its decisions in June 2012. Winners will be notified by phone. All other applicants will be notified via email. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the ASCA Summer Business Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

The scholarship review committee (comprised of Past Presidents Committee members) will review all qualified applications. The total number and amounts of scholarship awards distributed in 2012 will depend upon contributions received.

Scholarship Guidelines have been distributed to facilities and work sites throughout the Department. Please contact ASCA directly at (301) 393.4500 with any questions regarding the scholarship process.

The Michigan Department of Corrections has had several awardees in the past, with initial awards of \$1,000 and continuing awards of \$500. As parents with children in college can attest, every little bit helps.

Best of luck to all MDOC applicants.



## **REENTRY ROUNDTABLE**

*Reentry Roundtable is a continuing column that provides news, facts, and program successes within the prisoner reentry program.*

### **HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR PAROLEE**

Rahman was released from prison in November 2010. Prisoner Reentry wraparound services were extended to him upon release and Rahman had his first appointment with the Reentry Liaison at Michigan Works! Monroe Service Center on December 2, 2010.

Rahman had many barriers he needed to overcome. Due to his incarceration, he had a significant gap in his employment history and he would need work clothing and transportation when he found employment.

Rahman completed job search workshops and was very active in his job search. During this time on parole, he received Prisoner Re-entry services to prepare him for his job interviews and employment opportunities. He worked with the Reentry Liaison on how to properly discuss his offense with potential employers, how to reinvent himself since his incarceration, and how his newfound goals would benefit a potential employer.

After much perseverance and determination, Rahman obtained employment in January 2011 as a customer service representative at Splash Universe. Rahman is working 40 hours per week at the rate of \$8 per hour. He completed his 90 days of employment in late March and received an outstanding review from his supervisor, Sherry Novak. On his evaluation, Sherry wrote, "Rahman consistently exceeds expectations. He is considerate of both guests on the

phone as well as his colleagues. He is always a pleasure to work with. Rahman is very company oriented and does all that he can with great concern for what is best for the company he works for. He always comes in on his days off when needed and he has never been absent or tardy for his job. He is an outstanding salesman on



*Rahman enjoys his new found success!*

the phone and is in fact at the top of the leader board in all sales facets."

Rahman was able to save the money he was making and get his own apartment. He was also able to purchase a vehicle. Rahman states, "The Michigan Works! program played a really big part in my search for stable employment." During the course of working with the program I learned key skills to successfully market myself to prospective em-

ployers. The program also provided me with key things that were also needed to gain and maintain successfully employment such as interview clothing and even transportation to and from work."

*This article was submitted by Prisoner Reentry Community Coordinator Edward Woods.*