

The Burn Barrel

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Strike News from your Corrections Bargaining Team

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"The struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both. But it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never has and it never will." – Frederick Douglas, 1857

Rotating pickets cause havoc

Correctional facilities across Ontario took to the picket lines last night. In every region, staff in institutions either began their legal strike at midnight, or decided that early morning would work better and walked out then.

This very legal action took management by complete surprise. Management in many workplaces decided to lock out our workers and implement the Essential Services Agreements before the local had actually decided what time they would be withdrawing their services.

"Why the employer would

not want their workplace to have a full compliment is beyond me," said Len Mason, Corrections Bargaining Team Member. "Our members were more than willing to come in for their regular shift and management arbitrarily decided to lock them out and go to reduced staffing levels."

The Corrections Bargaining Team wanted a staggered strike action so that we could get a better feel for the Essential Services Agreements, and therefore be proactive in dealing with any public safety issues that might arise.



Call the Mob Room with questions

The Corrections Bargaining Team asks that members call the OPSEU Mobilization Room with any questions around Essential Services Agreements and arbitrated awards. Your bargaining team

is extremely busy strategizing and mobilizing their locals and are not always available at the bargaining centre.

You can reach the Mob Room at 1-877-561-8692.

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