



Ohio Civil Service  
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# NEWS ADVISORY

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## **Prison employees in Toledo unveil billboard regarding prison safety and staffing shortages**

Prison staff who are members of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association (OCSEA) will unveil a billboard on I-280 this week to call attention to the growing violence at Toledo Correctional Institution (TCI) as a result of staffing shortages.

OCSEA union leaders, injured staff and others will hold a press conference on **Wed., Oct. 3 at 11 a.m.** to discuss staffing trends at TCI that have had some alarming consequences for prison and community safety.

Sentencing reform has not caused a significant drop in inmate population, yet Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction policies continue to cut posts and leave positions unfilled, creating unsafe conditions in Ohio's state prisons.

**WHAT: Press conference, billboard launch against prison violence**

**WHEN: Wed. Oct. 3, 11 a.m.**

**WHERE: Outside Toledo Correctional Institution, 2001 East Central Avenue, Toledo, OH 43608**

*OCSEA represents approximately 33,000 state employees who work in a wide range of security, regulatory, administrative, direct care, maintenance, customer service and other positions, including 9,000 who work in the state prison system. For more information, contact Sally Meckling, 614-865-2602 or 614-404-3881 (cell).*