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To All Wayne County Deputies:

As promised, POAM filed a petition with MERC to finally allow frustrated SEIU members the right to join Michigan's premier police union. MERC has scheduled a telephone conference with the employer, Local 502 and POAM on May 28th to discuss details surrounding the upcoming election.

It is important to know that the incumbent union is in control of many of those details, specifically the date of election. We will be notifying you shortly after a date is secured and then, begin gearing up for the campaign ahead.

Meanwhile, the folks benefiting from your current status quo, whether it is SEIU or the "502 in disguise" Wayne County Deputies Association will be counting on your total ignorance through this process. They are running a three ring circus, parading local clowns to their meetings claiming POAM has no experience and they have better ideas on how a local union should be run. Only "Bozo" would make such jokes and also cite the Oakland County Deputies Association as a shining example of independence. This once unified group is now split into separate bargaining units and both are six years without a contract and in jeopardy of losing tens of thousands of dollars in retro pay.

WHO'S GOING TO PAY US? That was the question Local 502 leaders asked at the POAM meeting. They don't believe that we can find dedicated employees to do some of the work necessary to build a strong union without paying them an extraordinary amount of money. POAM's experience with our 425 local units proves otherwise and many of your colleagues have already volunteered to help.

Please visit www.poam.net as we continue to update you and respond to continued misinformation. Call me personally if you feel POAM should be apprised of any situation or if I can be of any further assistance to you.

Respectfully,

Ed Jacques