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MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS

July 25, 2008

Fellow NYSCOPBA Members,

It is my honor to now serve you as NYSCOPBA President. I take this office with a deep sense of duty and a high resolve to get results for you and your families.

I reported to NYSCOPBA's Albany office on July 8, 2008. On that very same day I held phone conferences with many key legislative and departmental officials of New York State. Also, on that evening I attended a personal meeting with Governor Paterson in New York City.

You can be rest assured that all of our Union's needs and concerns were made known by me to each of these individuals.

In the last three (3) weeks Executive Vice President Chris Hickey and I have been briefed and involved in the continuing process of our Petition for Compulsory Interest Arbitration. I am pleased to report that this process continues to move forward without any delays. On July 21, 2008 we requested from PERB a list of available arbitrators for the purpose of selecting a public panel member. Once the public panel member is selected all parties will confer for the purpose of scheduling hearing dates. Please continue to follow our progress by viewing the contract negotiations log on the NYSCOPBA website.

As NYSCOPBA moves forward in its' 10th year I ask all members to stay involved and informed by staying in contact with your UNION.

In Unity,

Donn Rowe