

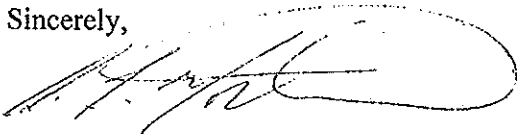
**New York State Correction Officers
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April 4, 2011

Dear Mr. Gramza,

My name is Al Mothershed and I am the NYSCOPBA Western Region V.P. The purpose of this letter is somewhat bittersweet as I must first offer my condolences for the loss of your son Andrew last fall. I can not imagine the pain that you and your family suffered and for a parent to have to bear the loss of a child is nothing less than heartbreaking. During the time that your family suffered such pain you still found the time to recognize individuals that stopped the day of the tragic accident to help your son Andrew. On March 16, 2011 NYSCOPBA travelled to Gowanda Correctional Facility to recognize members from our unit that stopped that day to help Andrew. Although there were numerous individuals that had stopped there were five Officers specifically that were directly involved in extricating and providing first aid to your son. On March 16, 2011 we recognized those five individuals in front of their peers at the 2:45 P.M. line-up at Gowanda Correctional Facility. The five Officers, Robert Collins, Robert Havernick, Louis Petricca, Thomas Makeyenko, and John Matyas were presented plaques and each received a check for \$500.00 for their actions on that tragic day. Upon completion of the presentation the five Officers announced that they would be donating the cumulative sum of \$2500.00 to your family on behalf of Andrew. Their actions on that fall day, as humbled as they would like you to believe, speaks volumes for their character and their compassion. One would not believe that they could out do their unselfish acts from that tragic fall day, but their actions on March 16, 2011 leave me speechless. I could not be prouder to enclose with this letter a check from the five individuals listed for \$2500.00, in memory of your son Andrew. Thank you to you and your family for recognizing our members' heroics and again our deepest and sincerest condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Al Mothershed, NYSCOPBA Western Region V.P.