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Nine Officers Injured During Violent Inmate Intake at Upstate Correctional Facility

Two officers transported to outside hospital for additional treatment following struggle with combative inmate

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MALONE, NY — Nine correction officers were injured, including two who required additional treatment at an outside hospital, when an inmate being processed into Upstate Correctional Facility became combative and physically attacked staff.

The incident occurred as a 41-year-old inmate was being processed for admission to the maximum-security prison. During the intake process, the inmate became aggressive toward an officer, who placed him in a body hold and forced him against a wall and then to the floor. Four additional officers responded to assist in gaining control of the combative inmate.

During the struggle, the inmate grabbed one officer's hand and violently twisted the officer's fingers. He also kicked another officer in the leg. Staff eventually secured the inmate in handcuffs and leg restraints and brought him to his feet.

Initially appearing compliant, the inmate was placed in a holding pen, where he again began threatening staff. Officers entered the pen and forced him against the wall. The inmate then fell to the floor and refused repeated orders to stand. Officers lifted him onto a gurney and transported him to a Special Housing Unit (SHU).

The inmate continued to be uncooperative after being placed in his cell.

One officer sustained injuries to his hand, fingers, knee, and forehead and was transported to Alice Hyde Medical Center for further treatment. A second officer suffered wrist pain and swelling and was also transported to an outside hospital.

Seven additional officers sustained injuries to their wrists, elbows, hands, knees, and ankles while subduing the inmate. Those officers were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

“This incident is another reminder of the dangers correction officers face while carrying out their responsibilities inside New York’s maximum-security prisons. Nine officers were injured simply trying to bring a combative inmate under control during the intake process. Two officers required outside hospital treatment, and seven more suffered injuries in the struggle,” said **NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President Dana Grammo**.

“Our members are expected to maintain order and security under increasingly dangerous circumstances. They deserve the staffing, resources, training and support necessary to do their jobs safely. No correction officer should have to accept being assaulted as just another part of the job. The injuries suffered by these nine officers underscore the very real risks our members face every day behind the walls.”