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All NYSCOPBA Members,

On September 2, 2016, Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bellnier issued a memorandum to all Correctional Facility Superintendents on a potential planned nationwide prison strike on September 9, 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to make sure each and every NYSCOPBA member stays vigilant during this time period.

Some of the information gathered so far involves groups involved in the prison strike movement attempting to send correspondence to inmates in our prisons.

As we all know, you are the front line officers in each and every prison across New York State. Because of your professionalism and dedication to your job, we have averted many potential uprisings in the past which could have been extremely dangerous to our members and prison staff.

Being on the front line provides some of the best intelligence that DOCCS can gather regarding situations like this, and you should be commended in helping gather that integral information.

I ask that in this current situation, based on the information we have been provided, you remain extra vigilant and report any information, no matter how trivial it may seem, to your supervisor so that it can be tracked and analyzed for any potential threat. This holds true for our brothers and sisters of NYSCOPBA employed within OMH and OPWDD facilities.

We recognize an already dangerous job you do on a daily basis and as we have seen in the past few years, the law enforcement profession has become even more dangerous.

Despite these challenges you continue to remain dedicated to "Keeping New York Safe" and all New Yorkers owe you a debt of gratitude for your diligence.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Michael Powers
NYSCOPBA President