

Tedisco Brings Senate Corrections Chair Gallivan to Tour

Hale Creek Correctional Facility in Fulton County

State Senators meet with corrections officers and view conditions

at medium security state prison in Johnstown

Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C,I,REF-Glenville), a member of the New York State Senate Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction, today brought Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R,C,I-Elma), Chair of the Committee, to tour Hale Creek Correctional Facility in Johnstown. The tour was the first visit to the facility by both Tedisco and Gallivan.

The purpose of the visit was for Senator Tedisco and Senator Gallivan to meet with and hear from our corrections officers on the work conditions these law enforcement professionals face on a daily basis at the medium security state prison.

"Our corrections officers are often the unsung heroes of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every time they go to work in one of New York's correctional facilities in order to keep our communities safe. I want to thank the NYSCOPBA officers for inviting us to tour Hale Creek Correctional Facility and give my thanks to Chairman Gallivan for taking the time to join me here in the 49th Senate District. What Senator Gallivan and I learned from our corrections officers will be very helpful to us as we go back to the Capitol in terms of our work in the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee writing and reviewing legislation and funding in the state budget as it pertains to our correctional facilities," said Senator Tedisco.

"The operation of a correctional facility is among the most difficult jobs in law enforcement. As Chair of the Senate Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction, it's important to visit facilities throughout the state. I want to thank Senator Tedisco for inviting me to Hale Creek and giving me the opportunity to get a closer look at conditions. I also look forward to meeting and talking with corrections officers and staff to get a better understanding of their thoughts and concerns," said Senator Gallivan.

"I would like to thank Senators Gallivan and Tedisco for taking the time to tour Hale Creek today and listen to our members' concerns. Both Senators recognize that our members walk the toughest beat in law enforcement and have long supported our efforts to make our State prisons safe and secure. Through their efforts, and other members of the Senate Republican Conference, NYSCOPBA and the safety of our members will continue to be heard loud and clear at the State Capitol," said Michael Powers, NYSCOPBA President.