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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO NYSCOPBA MEMBERS REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):

We, the NYSCOPBA membership, stand shoulder-to-shoulder with health care and emergency response workers in the face of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Facilities like the ones we punch into every day have been labeled as seriously at-risk for the spread of the coronavirus. NYSCOPBA members do not enjoy the ability to work from home; our members are a vital part of safety and security operations in those facilities twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year. Not only are we tasked with keeping our citizens safe and providing essential services to inmates, forensic patients, etc., we must now help stem the tide of the coronavirus as it inches closer and closer to our facilities. As such, many of us may have direct contact with the coronavirus or risk potential exposure while at work.

For those reasons, we have been working and continue to work tirelessly to make sure that all the agencies that benefit from our services take every precaution necessary to protect us all from potential infection with the coronavirus. The agencies need to do better. The agencies were late to suspend public visits to our facilities, despite us loudly voicing our legitimate concerns, but the threat of infection from a visitor is over for now. We have since pivoted in order to ensure that we receive all the personal protective equipment, sanitizing agents, and other gear necessary to safely continue to provide these essential services.

Furthermore, NYSCOPBA's website will soon serve as a vital source of job-specific coronavirus information and news for the NYSCOPBA membership. Please check back periodically for updated information as the situation evolves within our facilities, within our state, and beyond.

We implore you all to follow best practices as established by the various health organizations so as to protect ourselves, our loved ones, our coworkers/job sites, and the public from the further spread of the coronavirus.

Michael B. Powers
NYSCOPBA President