



New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

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Multiple Assaults Occur in April at Mid-State Correctional Facilities

One Officer Cut with a Weapon, Several Inmate Fights Occur

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Marcy, NY – The month of April proved to be extremely violent at the medium security correctional facility with one officer attacked and cut with a weapon and one inmate stabbed several times by another inmate in a facility bathroom.

- On Saturday, April 2, two inmates were observed fighting in the hallway of a housing unit. The two inmates continued to fight and ignored staff orders to stop. OC spray was administered and the two inmates became compliant. Both sustained minor injuries.
- On Tuesday, April 4 an inmate was returning to a housing unit and attacked an officer who was securing a metal door. As the inmate walked through the metal door, he pushed the officer from behind, causing the officer to strike his head against the door. The inmate attempted to hold the officer against the door. The officer was able to push off and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate dropped an object from his hand to the floor, not before cutting the officer on his right hand. The officer was able to get the inmate's arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. The injured officer was transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital and treated for a concussion and a one inch laceration to his hand.

- On Tuesday, April 4 an officer sustained a laceration to his lower lip when an inmate kicked the officer in the face. The attack occurred as the inmate was being transported to another facility and kicked the officer while he was in leg restraints.
- On Sunday, April 9 an officer heard a commotion in the bathroom of a housing unit. He entered the bathroom and observed one inmate on the floor and one inmate standing over top of him. One of the inmates had several puncture wounds to his arm. Staff recovered an ice pick type weapon next to the wall leading to the shower that was used in the attack. Both inmates were removed from the bathroom and treated by medical staff at the facility.
- On Friday, April 21, an officer escorted an inmate to a classroom. When the inmate sat down in his classroom chair, an inmate seated next to him took out a weighted sock from his pants and struck the inmate several times in the head and face before additional staff responded. When staff entered the room, the inmate dropped the weapon and the attacked ceased.
- On Saturday, April 22, an officer heard a commotion in one of the housing units. When he entered, he observed three inmates standing over another inmate, striking him with a broom, a belt and kicking him in the upper body. Once the officer responded, the three inmates dropped the weapons and ran back to their cubes. The injured inmate was treated by facility medical staff and transferred to another facility.

“The month of April was a violent one at Mid-State, as several staff were attacked and injured, and there were multiple inmate on inmate assaults, involving several weapons. Thankfully the one officer who was stabbed, only sustained a small laceration to his hand. It certainly could have been much worse. As we have passed the one year anniversary of the HALT Act, nothing has changed inside our prisons. Assaults on staff continue at record levels without any movement by the State Legislature to address the on-going violence. It defies the imagination that they can just sit idly by and ignore the violence HALT has caused.” – Stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.