Inmate on Inmate Fights Continue at Mohawk Correctional Facility

Drugs, Weapons Recovered by Staff

Rome, NY – During the last week of August and first two weeks of September, five inmate on inmate fights occurred at the facility which resulted in two inmates needing treatment at a local hospital for their injuries at the medium security correctional facility.

In addition to the violence, staff recovered drugs and make-shift weapons and one visitor was arrested for attempting to smuggle marijuana into an inmate during visitation hours.

Two of the five inmate on inmate fights involved weapons in which both inmates were cut with cutting type weapons and struck with a broken broom handle. One inmate sustained lacerations to his nose, cheek and chest and a fracture nasal bone. The second inmate sustained cuts to his face and head. Both inmates were transported to Rome Hospital and treated for their injuries.

Staff recovered two make-shift weapons during searches and 173 pills that tested positive for methamphetamines and several sheets of paper soaked in an unknown liquid that were recovered during a pat frisk of an inmate.

"Thankfully in the chaos that continues at Mohawk prison, no staff were injured stopping the inmate fights but that is not always the case unfortunately. Drugs, weapons, and violence is a daily occurrence at most prisons and officers are overwhelmed having to work mandatory

overtime to fill staffing shortages with no relief in sight. In one day at Mohawk, staff encountered one inmate twice under the influence of unknown drugs, the second time needing Narcan administered several times to revive him. In a number of inmate on inmate fights OC spray was needed to stop the fights when the fighting inmates refused all orders to stop. With record levels of violence, the system is broken and needs to be addressed immediately by our elected officials whose progressive policies have contributed to chaos. "-stated Bryan Hluska , Central Region Vice President.