



Violence Continues at Five Points Correctional Facility

Nine Officers Injured, One Sustains Broken Nose

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Romulus, NY – Nine officers were injured during seven incidents over a two and a half week period which included multiple assaults on staff by inmates who have served numerous prison stints at the maximum security correctional facility.

On Friday, September 27, one officer sustained an injury to his chest when an inmate struck the officer after attacking another inmate inside a cell. Initially the inmate, who is served two previous stints in prison, was being escorted to a new cell. When the inmate entered the cell, he attacked the other inmate inside. Ignoring several orders to stop, the inmate continued the attack. The other inmate ran out of the cell into the recreation pen to get away from the attack. The first inmate then turned and lunged at the officer. The officer immediately placed him in a body hold and forced him to the floor. On the floor and still combative, the inmate kicked the officer in the chest, knocking him backward. A second officer responded and the two officers were able to subdue the inmate and apply handcuffs. On the escort to a Special Housing Unit, the inmate became combative again and began banging his head on the wall. Officers forced him to the floor again. Once on the ground, he became compliant. The injured officer was treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

On Wednesday, October 2, one officer was injured when an inmate punched the officer in the chest after being ordered to lock into his cell. The inmate refused the order and turned and punched the officer in the chest. A second officer assisted in placing the inmate in a body hold and forcing him to the ground where he remained combative. Once handcuffs were applied, the inmate became compliant. One officer sustained a knee injury subduing the inmate. He was treated at the facility and remained on duty.

On Friday, October 4, an inmate needed to be transported to a local hospital after being revived by staff with Narcan. Initially, staff were distributing medication when they observed one inmate having a seizure and became unresponsive. Narcan was administered and the inmate became alert and conscious. After being brought to the infirmary, the inmate became combative and began spitting at staff and attempted to bite one officer. Once the inmate was subdued, he was transported to Cayuga Medical Center for further treatment.

On Monday, October 7, two officers sustained injuries breaking up two inmates who began fighting in the mess hall. After ignoring orders to stop fighting, OC spray was administered with no effect. Body holds were used on the inmates and they were forced to the floor. One inmate became compliant while the other inmate continued the attack. Once handcuffs were applied, both inmates were escorted from the mess hall. One officer sustained elbow and ankle injuries. The second officer sustained a laceration to his hand. Both officers were treated at the facility and remained on duty.

On Thursday, October 10, an officer sustained a broken nose when an inmate, who is serving his second stint in prison for manslaughter, attacked staff during a pat frisk. Initially, the inmate was ordered to submit to a pat frisk outside his cell. When his cell door was opened, the inmate punched one officer in the face. A second officer responded and was punched in the face and nose as well. Two additional officers arrived and the inmate was forced to the floor and placed in handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. The first officer attacked sustained a back injury and pain to his face. He was treated and remained on duty. The second officer sustained a fractured nose and was treated at Geneva Hospital.

On Thursday, October 10, two officers sustained knee and elbow injuries after an inmate attacked them during a pat frisk outside of the mess hall. Initially, the inmate refused to submit to the frisk and was forced to the ground when he became combative. The officers quickly subdued the inmate and he became compliant. Both officers were treated at the facility and remained on duty.

On Tuesday, October 15, one officer sustained a shoulder injury when three inmates began fighting inside a classroom. Initially, one of the inmates was being escorted into the classroom and was able to slip out of his handcuffs. He began attacking another inmate, who was partially restrained in his classroom chair. A third inmate got up from his chair and joined in on the attack. Staff were able to quickly quell the fight and forced all inmates to the ground and placed them back in restraints.

“Five Points is quickly becoming the poster child for violence that is plaguing all correctional facilities across New York. The number of violent assaults at Five Points is mind blowing with no end in sight. Already short staffed and pushed to the brink with mandatory overtime, facing a system that is broke and unsustainable, our members are suffering as a result. Even as the Governor and the majority of State Legislators remain silent on the issues that our members face daily, we cannot. We will continue to voice what the brave men and women are subjected to daily, the violence that the lawmakers ignore, and the forced overtime taking our members away from their families everyday so the convicts can watch movies and assault us during the credits! When is enough, enough?”-stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.