



Assaults, Drugs, Weapons Continue to Plague Gouverneur Correctional Facility

Onslaught of Fights, Inmate Overdoses, and Staff Injured

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Gouverneur, NY – After setting the single year record for inmate on inmate and inmate on staff assaults in statewide correctional facilities at the end of October, the assaults, drugs and weapons continue well into November at Gouverneur Correctional Facility with no end in sight at the medium security correctional facility.

From September 30 until November 11, nine officers were assaulted by inmates at the facility, one officer needing to be treated at a local hospital for multiple leg injuries. Six inmate on inmate fights occurred resulting in two inmates cut to the face with a make-shift weapon. Staff recovered three make-shift weapons during searches of inmate's cubes in facility dorms as well.

Staff also recovered marijuana from two inmates and one visitor after a K9 alerted to them. The visitor was carrying five bundles that contained 51 grams of marijuana. After she voluntarily turned over the drugs, she was transported to the New York State Police barracks and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd.

Despite the best efforts of staff to confiscate life threatening drugs, they are still making their way into the hands of inmates. Three inmates had to be revived after becoming unresponsive from an apparent overdose. Two inmates received four and five doses of Narcan respectively before becoming alert and conscious. All three inmates were transferred to a local hospital for further treatment.

“A week from Thanksgiving our members certainly don’t have a lot to be thankful for when it comes to their jobs. Daily assaults, overdoses, cuttings, short staffing, mandatory overtime - you name it, they continue to push staff to the limit. As we approach the end of the year and each assault on staff sets a record, there is no indication that the State Legislature is going to make any meaningful changes to address the violence inside prisons. Several legislators are on the record recently saying there is no reason to make changes to the HALT Act, even though statistics support that since it was enacted, assaults on staff and inmate on inmate assaults have skyrocketed. It is beyond frustrating for our membership that their safety continues to be overlooked and for that our elected officials should be embarrassed. ” – stated Bryan Hluska , Central Region Vice President.