



Staff Injured Again at Five Points Correctional Facility
Two Officers Taken to Local Hospital for Injuries

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Romulus, NY – A total of seven officers were injured at the maximum-security correctional facility in a two-week period that also included several inmate on inmate fights and three incidents in which inmates threw feces and urine on officers from inside their cells.

Between November 9 and November 22 there were seven incidents that occurred, including two in which the seven officers were injured.

On Tuesday, November 12, inmates were being escorted back to their cells from the mess hall. One inmate refused to lock back in his cell and turned towards two officers in a combative stance. The inmate was placed in a body hold and forced to the floor where he punched one officer in the face. The inmate fell onto the officer and attempted to choke him with his forearm pressed against his neck. The second officer attempted to pull the inmate off and was unsuccessful. Two additional officers arrived and utilized force to free the officer and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and escorted out of the cell block for evaluation.

The officer initially assaulted sustained neck, facial and back pain. He was transported to Geneva Hospital for treatment. The other three officers sustained wrist, arm, back and shoulder injuries subduing the inmate. They were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

Three days later, two officers were injured breaking up an inmate-on-inmate fight in the mess hall. Initially the inmates began exchanging punches. They both ignored orders to stop. A third inmate joined in the fight and staff needed to utilize OC spray. One inmate stopped fighting as the other two continued. Officers needed to utilize body holds to force the inmate's apart and to the floor. Still combative on the floor, officers forced the inmates' arms behind their backs and applied handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, all three inmates were escorted from the mess hall.

Two of the officers sustained injuries subduing the inmates. One officer sustained an upper arm injury and was transported to Geneva Hospital for treatment. The second officer sustained a leg injury and was treated at the facility and remained on duty.

In addition to those two incidents, several officers had urine and feces thrown on them by inmates secured inside their cells. The officers were treated by medical staff at the facility for exposure and remained on duty .

The last incident occurred on Friday, November 22 and caused a laceration to an officer's leg breaking up an inmate-on-inmate fight inside the mess hall during the morning meal. One inmate complied with the officer's orders and stopped fighting. The second inmate, who remained combative, was placed in a body hold and forced to the ground after OC spray was ineffective.

"Five Points continues to be one of the most dangerous prisons in the state as one incident after another continues to occur. Inmate on staff assaults, inmate on inmate fights, urine and feces being thrown on staff and attempted assaults on staff is what seems to be the new normal at Five Points! As we approach the end of the year and assaults statistics already at record highs two months ago, there appears to be no concern from our legislators about the on-going violence and mayhem. While they will be enjoying the Christmas Holiday with their families in two weeks, our members will continue to be under siege and forced to spend time away from their families with mandatory overtime and short staffing in literally every prison in the state. They are clearly under appreciated by our State Leaders who continue to show no interest in changing their ridiculous policies that has caused the violence!"-stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.