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Hon. Steven Claudio
Deputy Commissioner
NYS DOCCS
1220 Washington Ave; Building 9
Albany, NY 12226


Dear Commissioner Claudio:

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying summer! I write to renew conversation with you regarding the cell phone versus radio issue within our ISO titles.

As you recall, concerns regarding this issue were raised in the past. Unfortunately, most locations throughout the state still rely on cell phones as the only means for communication. Under certain compromised safety situations, a cell phone does not provide the opportunity for urgent communication. It remains the desire of NYSCOPBA, on behalf of our ISO members, to equip ISO's with radios with a "panic button" rather than cell phones. I am aware that Suffolk County has implemented radio communication for all ISO's. We would like to see this replicated statewide.

I welcome your thoughts and comments regarding this issue and look forward to speaking with you. Please feel free to contact me at the office number above or on my cell phone at (518) 419-0665.

Sincerely,


Tammy Sawchuk
Executive Vice President