



## ***NYSCOPBA Announces Death of Member from COVID-19***

### ***Veteran Officer Dies from Coronavirus Complications***

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**Albany, NY** – NYSCOPBA sadly announces the death of one its members due to complications from the Coronavirus. Inez Gonzales, 54 years old, a 22 - year veteran officer assigned to Edgewood Correctional Facility, passed away this morning after contracting the deadly virus at the end of March.

Gonzales, who lived in Staten Island, is the third NYSCOPBA member to die as a result of COVID-19.

No details are available at this time as to how she contracted the virus.

She is survived by her spouse and three daughters.

“First and foremost, on behalf of the NYSCOPBA Executive Board and its membership, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Officer Gonzales’s family. She was good person and her death is a tragedy. Like all front line personnel during this pandemic, Inez came to work every day knowing the risks associated with her job and did so with professionalism and integrity. Her death is heartbreaking for her family, friends and colleagues. God bless her. ” – stated Dave Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.