



## ***Officers Injured at Greene Correctional Facility***

### ***Disruptive Inmate Fights With Officers***

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**Coxsackie, NY** – Three officers were injured at Greene Correctional Facility when a disruptive inmate fought with officers during a medical emergency last week.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, October 7, at approximately 3:15 p.m. An officer assigned to one of the housing dorms witnessed an inmate vomiting. He called for an immediate medical response. When additional staff arrived at the dorm, two inmates inside became loud and disruptive. The two inmates were given orders to leave the dorm. One inmate complied. The second inmate refused and continued to yell. Four officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor. He continued to fight with officers. OC spray was administered and after a short struggle the officers applied handcuffs and removed the inmate from the dorm.

Both inmates were placed in a Special Housing Unit and face internal disciplinary charges.

Three officers sustained abrasions, bruising and swelling during the struggle. They were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

The medium security facility is in the midst of a COVID-19 surge among inmates. Over 95 inmates have tested positive for the coronavirus in the past two weeks and dozens of staff have been quarantined as a result. On Wednesday, NYSCOPBA called for the immediate suspension

of inmate visits at prisons that are seeing upticks in the virus to help minimize the risk to staff and inmates.

“Amidst a serious surge in COVID cases at Greene, the officers who came to the aid of a sick inmate are just another example of the how selfless and professional our officers are. Despite calling for an end to inmate visitation in prisons that are seeing significant increases in coronavirus cases, DOCCS and the Governor have been silent once again. This is a serious health risk for staff and their families as well as inmates. The Governor continually lectures the public that we need to take this pandemic seriously, yet as we have seen time and again, his administration is the last to act when it comes protecting our members .” - stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.