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To: Thornell, Ryan
Cc: 'Joel Merry'; 'Ouellette, Maurice R.'
Subject: York County Staffing Issue

Importance: High

Ryan, I am writing to notify you, as the Executive Director of the State Board of Corrections, that the staffing level of Corrections Officers at the York County Jail has reached a critical level. Of our compliment of eighty-four (84) positions, we currently have twenty (20) vacancies. In addition, we have one (1) officer out on Worker's Compensation, two (2) out on Military Leave [extended overseas deployment], and four (4) officers out on Administrative Leave.

Given our situation, we cannot sustain the operation of the York County Jail at its current level. On behalf of Sheriff Maurice Ouellette, I am writing to ask for assistance from the State Board of Corrections, in the form of housing thirty-two (32) Minimum/Medium male prisoners. This will allow us to temporarily close one housing unit and eliminate a 24/7 post assignment. This will translate into a reduction of one hundred and sixty eight (168) hours of overtime per week.

We are currently working to screen and hire additional officers and are reviewing other means of reducing the workload demands on our staff.

We appreciate any assistance that you can offer and look forward to working together with the Board on this issue.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Michael

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