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To All SCOA Members:

In light of last week's memorandum from the Office of Court Administration announcing a one line increment for all Court Officers and Sergeants, there were many concerns about the implementation of this plan. The concerns centered around whether service time would be negatively affected for all, but especially those who have reached longevity steps. Many of the unions who are slated to have members receive this increase have been in daily communication discussing these issues. The 2004 reclassification had negatively affected certain officers and as a result of litigation surrounding that, it was found that those people should be made whole and were paid as such. I have personally been in contact with State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and have made him and his deputies aware of this situation and our singular desire to avoid a similar problem with this reclassification. I believe his office will be able to work with us and ensure a proper, legal and smooth oversight of the entire process.

I have also spoken at length with SCOA General Counsel and expressed the Executive Board's adamant intent to add to our contract demands a new detail to provide support for those titles precluded from the increase by last week's memo. It has been a source of pride to represent EVERY SCOA member with the same energy and spirit and that will absolutely continue. I have heard from many of those overlooked and wholeheartedly understand their frustration. I want you to know we will not leave you behind.

This is still a new and fluid situation and as always any new information surrounding it will be provided as it becomes available. Please continue to check our website Nysscoa.org for updates as well. Thank you for all of your support and know that I appreciate the monumentally great job you all do every single day

Stay Safe

Patrick Cullen