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Legislator Lon Hofstein Recognizes Bravery Of Rockland Correction Officers

New City, NY (July 9, 2015) – Rockland County Legislator Lon Hofstein presented Certificates of Recognition to three Rockland County Correction Officers before the start of Tuesday night's meeting of the Rockland County Legislature. Officers Michael Ferguson, William Lopez, Juan Gonzalez received the recognition for their acts of bravery and valor while on duty.

Officer Ferguson saved the life of an inmate at the Rockland County Jail who attempted suicide, and Officer Lopez saved the life of a nurse who was being violently assaulted by a psychiatric patient in Nyack Hospital. Officer Juan Gonzalez also saved the life of another inmate at the Rockland County Jail who attempted suicide.

"We often read reports of crimes that have been committed, but rarely do we take the time to think about who watches over these criminals after they are caught, and what these officers endure on a daily basis," Legislator Hofstein said. "I was proud to have the opportunity to express our gratitude and honor these three Rockland County Corrections Officers for the work they have done and continue to do to protect us all."

"Our entire county is proud of all of our Correction Officers for their acts of bravery," said Legislature Chairman Alden Wolfe. "Every day our Correction Officers keep our streets safe by ensuring that criminals are watched under lock and key, and for that they deserve our daily gratitude."

(Picture Attached: Legislator Hofstein presenting an award to Officer Michael Ferguson. Behind them L-R: John Cocuzza, President of the Rockland County Correction Officers Benevolent Association, Richard McNichols, Vice President of the Rockland County Correction Officers Benevolent Association, Officer William Lopez, Legislator Chris Carey, Chairman of the Legislature Alden H. Wolfe.)

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