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State Correctional Officers: Gov. Hogan needs to do a better job hiring more Officers

**DPSCS Secretary Stephen Moyer,
“The state has 1,000 less correctional officers than it needs.”**

Jessup – Maryland Prison Corrections Officers will hold a press conference 9:30AM, Thursday, June 30th at the Dorsey Run Correctional Facility (DCRF) in Jessup, MD. Officers will give first-hand accounts of Secretary Moyer admitting that he believes the state needs 1,000 more officers.

Patrick Moran, President of AFSCME Maryland Council 3 said, “Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary Stephen Moyer admitted at Correctional Training Commission meeting in April, ‘The state has 1,000 less correctional officers than it needs.’ The state’s lack of hiring new correctional officers is putting officer and inmate safety at risk across the entire state.

Governor Hogan should demand that the department immediately step up efforts to hire enough officers to improve safety for officers and inmates.”

WHEN: Thursday, June 30, 2016, 9:30AM

WHERE: Dorsey Run Correctional Facility - 2020 Toulson Road Jessup, MD 20794 (see map attached).

WHO: AFSCME Council 3 President, Patrick Moran;
Maryland Correctional Training Commission, Commissioner Christopher Duffy;
Sergeant Patrick Okafor, Correctional Officer at DRCF.

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