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DOC to Open Human Resources Satellite Office on Rikers Island

Part of DOC Reform Initiative, Fully Staffed HR Office at Jail Complex Will Provide Employees With Convenient Access to Services Where They Work

East Elmhurst, N.Y. – NYC Correction Commissioner Joe Ponte announced today that DOC is opening its first fully staffed HR satellite office on Rikers Island – bringing benefit services directly to the staff at the jail complex. Part of Commissioner Ponte’s comprehensive plan for meaningful reform, this satellite office will offer DOC staff who work on Rikers convenient access to all human resources services directly where they work including:

- Benefit administration
- Retirement counseling
- On-site soft skills computer help
- Career counseling
- Self-service system navigation
- Questions and payroll and paycheck distribution

“As we build a stronger, better Rikers through our reform effort, we need to find more and better ways to take care of our staff,” said Commissioner Ponte. “For years, it was a time-consuming, hassle for staff on Rikers to get the human resources support they needed. Having a human resources satellite office on-site at Rikers will eliminate the inconvenience of traveling to DOC headquarters and will let us bring services directly to the island. In this way, we will improve the quality of life for our hardworking DOC staff.”

The new office will house three full-time staffers, including a rotating HR specialist who on various days of the week will concentrate on benefits, computer education and retirement counseling.

“It is very exciting to have a fully operational HR department on site on Rikers Island,” said Dina Simon, DOC Deputy Commissioner of Human Resources. “Being able to offer all of the HR needs and rotating specialists is the best way to service the island.”

The new office is located at 12 Executive Circle on Rikers Island and the hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Thursday 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

About the New York City Department of Correction

The New York City Department of Correction (DOC) manages the jail system for New York City. It operates Rikers Island, which houses 10 individual facilities, four borough-based jails and two hospital prison wards, as well as court pens in all five boroughs. In FY 2014, DOC had 77,141 admissions involving 56,218 individuals.

Its Average Daily Population is approximately 11,400, over 80 percent of whom are housed on Rikers Island. Most of the inmates in DOC custody are being detained pending the resolution of charges against them; approximately 15 percent are city-sentenced inmates who are serving sentences of one year or less.

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