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Encore Casino

Last night two of our members from the Gaming Enforcement Unit were injured during an altercation at Encore Casino. One of our members suffered a head injury and was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital. A second member suffered less severe injuries, but will be out of work as a result. SPAM has made it a priority to work with both Everett PD and the Command Staff to address the increased violence, calls for service, decreased staffing and reduce the numerous injuries that our Troopers and Sergeants have been dealing with. Just within the past few weeks we've had several members injured dealing with unruly patrons, one of them will require neck surgery before being allowed to return to work.

Today SPAM and Everett PD union officials will be meeting with members of GEU, at Encore, to address their concerns and to come up with a long term solution to reduce the violence and injuries to our members.

President Mackey has spoken with Col. Mason and Lt. Col. Warmington who have directed additional uniformed patrols to the Encore area for tonight. In addition, our DIS units will be doing what they do best, gather intelligence and continue their investigative efforts.

President Mackey has also spoken to Col. Mason about the issues with radios not working at Encore. This issue relates to the digital infrastructure at Encore not being compatible with the analog radios that our Field Services personnel are currently issued. We will be working towards a solution to interoperability for those troopers who are responding to assist our members at the casino who are on a different radio frequency and different radio system (Digital).

Currently there are multiple open OT positions for tonight, 1800-0200, to specifically address the attacks on our members. Please make all efforts to fill these assignments and provide the safe and secure environment that the commonwealth expects and that our members deserve! Anybody interested in the 1800-0200 Everett casino roving indoor patrol can call the A Troop Duty Office - 978-538-6030.

In solidarity,

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