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“Savings before Layoffs”

Michigan State Police Troopers Association Reacts to Proposed Trooper Layoffs

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After being officially notified today of proposed trooper layoffs, the Michigan State Police Troopers Association is urging the Granholm administration, Michigan State Police management, and the Michigan Legislature to capture all available savings before layoffs occur of state troopers.

The Troopers Association believes that layoffs can be avoided if the pension adjustment called for in the Governor’s Executive Order is included in any resolution of the current fiscal year shortfall. The adjustment would lead to a savings of more than \$10 million that can be applied toward the deficit in the FY 07 State Police budget.

The Troopers Association is pushing this as a solution in response to the notice received today that approximately 30 troopers will be laid off effective April 1, 2007. The Troopers Association contends there are better remedies to Michigan’s financial woes than taking state troopers off the road and causing further decimation to already thin law enforcement services.

Trooper Michael Moorman, Association President, believes “all other options should be exhausted before our elected officials consider the layoff of even a single trooper. Statewide, there are 1,618 fewer certified police officers than there were on September 11, 2001. Any additional reduction in vital protection to Michigan’s citizens is unacceptable.”

If the layoff of approximately 30 troopers goes forward, this will reduce the number of at-post trooper strength to below the 1,000 mark, a staffing level not seen in more than 30 years.

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