



ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"

VIA Email & Mail

November 4, 2013

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of the State of Alaska
Alaska State Capitol Building, Third Floor
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Parnell,

At approximately 1:30 pm today, November 4, 2013, Officer McLellan, along with members of his shift (Officer Donnette Weeks, Officer Chris Dyer, Officer William Hester, and Officer Nevine Zaki), were assaulted by the State of Alaska, Department of Corrections (DOC). They were singled out and forced to participate in O/C (pepper spray) Training. No Officer has ever been forced to be re-sprayed after successfully completing the training in the Alaska Correctional Academy. Officers can be ordered to redo "classroom" training on O/C but cannot be required to be re-sprayed once sprayed, unless being certified to become an O/C Trainer and maybe not even then.

DOC Upper Management ordered these Officers to endure pain out of vindictiveness and then personally attended for their own amusement. This is hazing and needless torment and constitutes an assault on these Officers.

Officer Randy McLellan continues to be systematically and unjustly harassed and persecuted by the State of Alaska and the DOC for speaking on behalf of the Correctional Officers he represents in his capacity as President of the Alaska Correctional Officers Association. All these Officers had successfully completed O/C Training, were certified, and received cards of completion, one just last year.

It is really unbelievable that this action was allowed to take place. Both the Officers involved and ACOA will be taking action on this issue, as we hope those receiving this letter will do as well.

Sincerely,

Brad Wilson
Business Manager

Cc: Commissioner Hultberg, Commissioner Schmidt, Deputy Commissioner Houston,
Director Brandenburg, Deputy Director Sherman, Deputy Director Sheehan,
Attorney Bodick, Superintendent Brunger, Chief of Staff Nizich
Alaska State Troopers (Palmer Office)