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TO: CSEA Local and Unit Presidents
FROM: Danny Donohue, President 
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SUBJECT: Safety & Security Act for Public Employees

In October 1992, four CSEA members from the Schuyler County Department of Social Services were brutally murdered by a man upset about child support payments. Since that day, CSEA has been advocating for a law that would protect public employees from potential violence in the workplace. The *Safety and Security Act for Public Employees* has encountered many roadblocks for many years. Now, momentum is building for this vitally important standard.

CSEA, along with other public employee unions, presented the *Safety & Security Act for Public Employees* once again to the NYS Hazard Abatement Board in September. The Board has the authority to recommend health and safety standards to the NYS Commissioner of Labor that would hold the force of law. The Board moved the standard to the next step and will soon be holding public hearings on the need for such a law.

This is the time for CSEA members to mobilize!

The CSEA Standing Safety and Health Committee, the Regional Safety and Health Committees and CSEA staff will be reaching out to you and your membership to provide critical testimony at these hearings. The Board needs to hear from front-line workers. The Board members need to hear first-hand about the dangers you face while performing your work.

You will be receiving more information on how *you* can make a change for the better in the working lives of public employees. CSEA will be gathering testimony from across the State to prepare to have our voices heard on this vitally important issue.

To help you become familiar with the proposed standard, the Safety & Security Act for Public Employees can be accessed through CSEA's web site (www.csealocal1000.net) on the Safety and Health page. One more death in the work place because of a lack of security will be one too many. The time to act is now.

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