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CORRECTION OFFICERS COMMERCIAL: “STILL PROUD TO SERVE”

New Britain, CT, Jan. 5, 2009 – Connecticut’s correction officers walk the toughest beat in law enforcement, but they are still proud to serve. That is the message in a new 30-second television commercial sponsored by the unions representing nearly 5,000 front-line state Department of Correction employees.

The commercial was produced by Connecticut Corrections United – comprised of AFSCME Locals 387, 391 and 1565 – along with Council 4 AFSCME, the parent union. The spot airs statewide from December 29, 2008 through January 16, 2009. It can be seen on cable systems including Comcast and Cablevision.

“We want to make sure that everyone in Connecticut remembers the thousands of men and women who each day risk their lives inside state prisons to keep our communities safe,” said Local 391 President Jon Pepe.

Added Local 1565 President Luke Leone: “We’re law enforcement professionals, and we are proud to serve. We hope that message comes through in the commercial”

The television spot features 20 front-line DOC employees and focuses on the hazards correction officers face when they go to work daily in state correctional facilities. State prisons are dangerously overcrowded. Inmate attacks on correction officers are frequent and violent. Gang members and the mentally ill are crammed into state prisons. And, correctional staff faces exposure to life threatening diseases every day, including AIDS, hepatitis, tuberculosis and deadly staph infections like MRSA.

“The workers we represent walk the toughest beat, but they are dedicated to serving Connecticut’s citizens and preserving the public’s safety,” said Local 387 President David Moffa.

To view the ad, click on www.council4.org.

Council 4 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO represents 35,000 workers across Connecticut. Council 4 is Connecticut’s largest AFL-CIO union and is affiliated with the 1.4 million-member AFSCME International Union in Washington, D.C. To learn more about Council 4, go to www.council4.org.