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USCSO has been monitoring the US Court's response to the CoronaVirus. Because the action(s) by the courts seems to be governed differently from district to district. USCSO cannot understand why the closing of all courts is not mandatory? All we would need is one CSO/SSO testing positive and the entire Court would most likely close. This has happened at the Rome, Georgia courthouse in the Northern District of Georgia, and the US Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York (Manhattan). So first and foremost we must protect ourselves. If you feel ill or have come in contact with someone who is, either in or out of the Courthouse tell your site supervisor or lead and **GO HOME**. Or if it is from outside **DO NOT COME TO WORK!** Do not "tough it out," as we like to do because of our former careers as first responders. Do not let this give you a false sense of security that we "can not get it," **YES YOU CAN GET INFECTED**. If you stay, there is a good chance that you will infect others.

The congress and senate have passed legislation to increase our sick leave and to strengthen the family and medical leave act. If you need to take advantage of this, stay home and self quarantine. You will now be paid for some or all of your time at home. Also, please check with you states legislators to see if they have passed other relief packages that meet or possibly exceed that of the federal government. In some states the government may act well before the federal government does. The issue of wearing protective gear i.e. gloves and masks has also varied from District to District. The wearing of protective gloves should be mandatory. We also should be supplied with protective masks that filter out virus. We heard that in some districts CSOs are being told they cannot wear masks. This a potentially dangerous position to take as the masks could mean whether or not you contract the virus. Unit VPs are authorized to go and buy masks for their membership.

Now the major issue for the CSO/SSOs is what method will be used to decide who will work because of the present and future decrease in man power. USCSO has contracts with the companies that you work for and there are four different companies. All the contracts have articles that control seniority and the reduction of hours and layoffs. We must have a correct and unified formula countrywide. USCSO understands that this a very delicate subject deciding who will continue to work and who will not. This is why we have seniority in all of our contracts. In consultation with our Attorneys, the correct method in which CSO/SSO hours will be decreased is in seniority order. The procedure for the reduction of CSOs/SSOs will start with the time-shares having their hours cut first. Followed by the junior full-time CSOs/SSOs. If necessary the reductions will go further up the seniority list in accordance with court mandated closings. This method is USCSO's stance on reductions. This doesn't mean that senior CSOs/SSOs cannot voluntarily choose to work less hours or take time off. This is up to the individual. We all hope that this pandemic will end sooner rather than later but we must plan for the worst. **Please, immediately contact the office with any policy changes or memos issued in your district. Stay Healthy & Stay Safe!**

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Executive Orders —<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions>

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https://beta.sam.gov/search?keywords=&sort=-modifiedDate&index=wd&is_active=true&page=1

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Congressional & Senate voting records. <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/votes>

Congress.gov <https://www.congress.gov/roll-call-votes>

Senate.gov https://www.senate.gov/legislative/votes_new.htm

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) <https://www.nlr.gov/>

Stan Cooper's remembrance on "Officer Down" Memorial Page.

<http://www.odmp.org/officer/20207-special-deputy-marshal-stanley-w-cooper>

Harry Belluomini remembrance on "Officer Down" Memorial Page.

<http://www.odmp.org/officer/358-special-deputy-marshal-harry-a-belluomini>
