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Subject: Inspector safety

ECAD Directors and Deputies,

In light of recent events surrounding the attack on a FBI field station, it is imperative that all government employees stay vigilant in our efforts to keep ourselves safe. We recognize that field staff, such as inspectors, may sometimes be subject to greater risk due to the nature of their work, physically being out of the office and interacting with the public. We want to do what we can to try to keep these field staff safe.

As a first step, we are re-circulating the attachment, *Tips for Inspectors for Avoiding Hostile Situations*. This had been shared with inspectors before and is available on the Inspector Wiki, but it is a good reminder on how to avoid potential dangers and de-escalate potentially dangerous situations.

OECA will be working with you and others in HQ in the coming weeks to discuss ideas and options for additional measures to try to help keep our field employees safe from potential external threats. We will also continue to discuss this issue on our biweekly ED/RC calls. We plan to review any proposed measures, present them to the Unions for their consideration, and then implement them as soon as possible to ensure employee safety.

Please contact Thanne Berg or John Dombrowski with any thoughts or ideas you have for this effort.

Thank you.

Larry