



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
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September 5, 2013

Patrick J. Kelly, Director
Minneapolis VA Health Care System
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Subject: VISN 23 MVAHCS Relocation of VA Police Dispatching and Monitoring
(AFGE Local 1969 and AFGE Local 3669)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the relocation of the VA Police Dispatching and Monitoring section as cited above within MVAHCS in VISN 23. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the national bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining team may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Patrick Russell, 8th District Representative NVAC

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September 4, 2013

In Reply Refer to: (618/05)

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, AFGE Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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Dear Mr. Williams:

1. In accordance with the Master Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs and AFGE, Article 47, Section 4 (B), attached please find a copy of the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS) Proposal to have the VA Police Dispatching and Monitoring portion of the VA Police Sub-Station relocated from the Outpatient Entrance to a secure location in compliance with the June 7, 2011 Government Accounting Office (GAO) issued report on VA Health Care: Actions Needed to Prevent Sexual Assaults and Other Safety Incidents. While staff members identified to relocate are bargaining unit members of Local 1969, this proposal may affect the interests of both AFGE Locals 1969 and 3669 within this facility.
2. Planned implementation is scheduled for approximately October 1, 2013 or when Facilities Engineering completes the build out.
3. If you wish to bargain the impact and implementation of this relocation, please submit your demand to bargain within 20 calendar days after receipt of this notice directly to:

Minneapolis VA Health Care System
Human Resources Management Service
(05) HRMS Danette Bohlken
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

4. If you have any questions on this notice, please feel free to contact Danette Bohlken, Employee and Labor Relations Specialist, 612-467-4362.

Eric S. Kelly

for Patrick J. Kelly, FACHE
Director, Minneapolis VA Health Care System

