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November 20, 2006

Douglas Katcher, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs, Suite 215  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Police Officers Refresher Course.

Dear Mr. Katcher:

The National VA Council #53 is providing the following comment on the above cited subject. The course information (8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm) each day does not provide for any breaks in the morning or afternoon. Does the Department wish for NVAC to waive the Master Agreement Article 20 Section 1 B., which allows for breaks twice within eight hours of work? The course should be amended to include breaks for the employees. If the Department agrees with our comments above, the NVAC will not file a demand to bargain on this matter.

If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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