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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EXPANDS VISITATION HOURS BY 100%

Families and loved ones of incarcerated individuals can now visit Monday – Friday without appointment

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Sheriff Fred Akshar announced expanded visitation hours with open visitation at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility effective immediately.

Under the previous administration, 15 hours per week were available for visitation, and all visits were appointment only. Now, visitations hours have been doubled to 30 hours per week, Monday – Friday from 12:30pm – 2:30pm and 6:30pm – 10:30pm, with no appointment necessary.

“One of the issues I heard repeatedly from community members before I became Broome County Sheriff was the lack of access for families to visit their loved ones who found themselves incarcerated,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Our entire team at the Broome County Sheriff's Office is committed to reducing recidivism through Responsible Reentry, and expanded visitation is just the first of many changes we're making to help better ensure that incarcerated individuals have the services and support they need on the inside to help better prepare them to reenter society and not reoffend on the outside.”

Sheriff Akshar plans to further expand visitation when more corrections officers are hired to combat the staffing crisis at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility. The current expansion is the first step in a comprehensive “Responsible Reentry” effort to reshape the reentry process through expanded programming and services covering education, life skills training, mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and employment.

“The bottom line is we do not want to see these incarcerated individuals within the confines of the Correctional Facility again,” said Akshar. “One of the most important components to reducing crime is breaking the cycle of release and re-offense.”

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