



Pennsylvania State Nurses Association

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## **February 22, 2025 Statement on Hospital Shooting**

The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association is deeply saddened by the tragic events that unfolded today at UPMC Memorial Hospital in York, Pennsylvania. Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, and all those affected by this senseless act of violence.

We mourn the loss of Officer Andrew Duarte of the West York Borough Police Department, who bravely responded to the incident and made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

We also stand in solidarity with the hospital staff members who were injured: a doctor, a nurse, and a custodian. Their dedication to providing care, even in the face of such danger, exemplifies the unwavering commitment of healthcare professionals across our Commonwealth.

At PSNA, we are committed to leading, advocating, educating, and connecting with registered and licensed practical nurses across Pennsylvania. This incident underscores the critical need for ensuring the safety and well-being of our healthcare workers, who selflessly serve our communities every day.

We are grateful for the swift response of law enforcement and emergency personnel who worked tirelessly to secure the hospital and protect patients and staff. Their courage and professionalism are commendable.

As we process this tragedy, PSNA remains steadfast in our mission to support and advocate for the nursing community. We will continue to work collaboratively with healthcare institutions, policymakers, and community leaders to promote a safe and supportive environment for all healthcare professionals.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by this heartbreaking event.

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