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In 2007, and continuing as part of the U.S. Secret Service's annual budget appropriation, Congress placed a statutory limit on how much overtime any employee may earn.

"... limit annual Secret Service overtime payments to no more than \$ 35,000.00 for any individual . . ." The Secretary of Homeland Security may expand or waive this requirement. (see Congressional Record-House, Vol 153, Pt 26, dated December 17, 2007. # 34986)

In the past there has been several occasions, at the request of the Director, that the Secretary has utilized this privilege and authorized a waiver to allow members to exceed the limit and be compensated beyond the \$ 35,000.00 pay cap. **However, NO WAIVER HAS BEEN GRANTED at this time.**

Without a waiver, by law individuals will not be paid for any overtime worked in excess of \$35K. Therefore, we must operate under current guidelines and limit overtime to prevent and protect against non-payment. We will continue to use the ROD/TOD report as a quarterly gauge in an effort to track and disperse overtime. The Office of the Chief is working diligently with the Office of Protective Operations to request a waiver in writing.

Effective immediately, [REDACTED] members who are currently at or exceed the pay cap have been "Frozen" and not permitted to work any voluntary overtime. Members who are encroaching on the ceiling have also been restricted from travel, if it's believed the travel will cause them to exceed the limit. [REDACTED] members will be notified by the Assignments and Scheduling Office of any imposed restriction. Members may work for Compensatory Time, but may not exceed a 160 hour balance. (see UND-06, Page 10).

The [REDACTED] are under the same general guidelines.

I want to personally thank all of you for your hard work and dedication as we work through this issue.

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White House Grounds Breached in the Wake of a Pay Cut at Secret Service

Friday's intrusion of the White House grounds happened within two weeks of the U.S. Secret Service restricting overtime pay for U.S. Secret Service uniformed officers out of budget concerns -- a recurring theme in the fledgling Trump administration.

"It's chaos here," one source close to the situation said. "Can't make this stuff up."

The sources for the information -- in a position to know -- indicate that the Secret Service brass claim they need a waiver from Congress to pay the overtime to officers that is necessary to provide adequate security, including helping to protect the president. The claim reportedly made by agency leadership isn't verified, and president Trump's recent executive order mandating a federal hiring freeze is not supposed to affect essential personnel.

The Uniformed Division of the Secret Service provides physical security for the White House complex, the vice president's residence, the Treasury Department building and for foreign diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C.

From CNN:

"This is really troubling," said Wackrow, a CNN law enforcement analyst. "If someone came over the northwest fence of the Treasury complex, what that indicates is they didn't go over just one fence, they went over multiple fences. This has the potential to be a catastrophic breach of the White House complex. This is really disturbing, just the amount of real estate that this intruder was able to gain or bypass on the complex."

"So the Secret Service has to really take a very hard look very quickly as to why weren't other defense measures alerted," Wackrow said.

It seems the Trump administration's plan to gut the government and end the "administrative state" is coming with a bit of blowback that is now showing up in Trump's front yard. Maybe there's a wall in the White House's future?

One theory of what's happening with the overtime restrictions is that the top brass at Secret Service are trying to keep their budgets in line to please the new administration and ensure their bonuses, and to accomplish that they are cutting corners -- including compromising White House security by limiting the overtime pay. In any event, there is a bit of irony in the fact that the White House grounds were breached within two weeks of the OT cut being announced, according to sources.

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