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#### **2019 Correctional Officer of the Year**

Perry County Correctional Officer Richard Emling was awarded the 2019 Correctional Officer of the Year for his heroic actions on August 19, 2019.

On August 19, 2019 at approximately 1845 hours, the control room of the Perry County Jail was buzzed from J block stating that another inmate said he was bleeding and having some problems.

Corrections Officer Richard Emling responded to the call and observed the inmate lying face down in a large pool of blood. CO Emling immediately called for backup and for dispatch to send an ambulance. Emling had the cell opened and found the inmate unresponsive face down between the toilet and his bunk. He picked up and moved the inmate placing him on his back in the middle of the cell. He noticed the inmate was not breathing and he could not find a pulse.

CO Emling immediately started CPR. After ten to fifteen compressions the inmate opened his eyes and began breathing on his own. CO Emling and CO Asbury searched for the wound. While searching for the wound the inmate was in and out of consciousness. Emling continued to do sternum rubs and kept communicating with the inmate. An ambulance arrived at 1852 hours and EMT's cut the clothing off the inmate to find the wound. On Duty Deputy, William Reagan brought a tourniquet and it was applied to stop the bleeding.

If not for the quick response of CO Richard Emling that the inmate would have died. CO Emling was awarded the departmental lifesaving badge for his heroic actions. The Illinois Sheriffs' Association would like to thank CO Emling for his heroic actions and dedication to the members of his community.

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