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KENNETH MCFADDEN CORRECTION OFFICER AUBURN

On May 13, 2015, Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden was conducting his duties on the day shift at the 7U Secure Unit at University Hospital in Syracuse, when he was confronted with a life-threatening situation.

Along with Doctor Marzouk and Registered Nurse Racines, Correction Officer McFadden was in Room 7406, where inmate Warren Temple was having a scheduled consultation for an upcoming medical procedure. When asked to sign a consent form, inmate Temple suddenly raised his right arm, which was holding an icepick-type weapon that was approximately 10" long, and lunged forward stabbing Dr. Marzouk twice. Without regard for his own personal safety, Correction Officer McFadden jumped between Dr. Marzouk and inmate Temple taking the brunt of the assault and suffering five stab wounds to his head and shoulder. After a violent struggle, and with the aid of Correction Officer Gregory Edgar and Registered Nurse Racines, inmate Temple was brought under control and restraints were applied.

Correction Officer McFadden's quick and selfless actions certainly averted a more serious assault of Dr. Marzouk by inmate Temple.

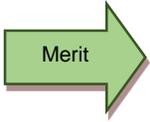


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GREGORY EDGAR CORRECTION OFFICER AUBURN

On May 13, 2015, Correction Officer Gregory Edgar was conducting his duties on the day shift at the 7U Secure Unit at University Hospital in Syracuse, when he heard a commotion and cries of "weapon, weapon" coming from Room 7406. Correction Officer Edgar responded immediately and observed inmate Warren Temple struggling with Correction Officer Kenneth McFadden and Registered Nurse Racines. Correction Officer Edgar saw inmate Temple stabbing Correction Officer McFadden and he quickly jumped on inmate Temple who at that point was attempting to stab Registered Nurse Racines. Using his left hand, Correction Officer Edgar was able to deflect the weapon from stabbing Registered Nurse Racines in the face and as a result he was struck by the weapon in the back of his hand. With the aid of Correction Officer McFadden and Registered Nurse Racines, inmate Temple inmate Temple was brought under control and restraints were applied.

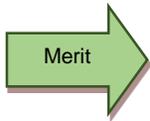
Correction Officer Edgar's quick and decisive actions, without regard for his personal safety, averted what could have been a deadly encounter.

**RYAN DAY****CORRECTION OFFICER****RIVERVIEW**

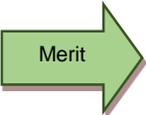
On November 11, 2015, at 11:30 p.m., in Housing Unit F-1 of the Riverview Correctional Facility, an altercation occurred between rival gang members that resulted in a homicide and various injuries to several combative inmates.

Correction Officer Ryan Day encountered the fighting inmates, gained compliance over two of the combatants and stopped the initial altercation. A third inmate, the perpetrator in the homicide broke off from the group, entered the dormitory area and began to assault two additional inmates. Correction Officer Day entered the dormitory, gained compliance over this inmate, escorted him out of the area, secured him in mechanical restraints and isolated him from the rest of the inmates by locking him into a phone booth. Correction Officer Day and a responding officer were then able to isolate two additional combatants by placing them in mechanical restraints and securing them in a phone booth and the TV room.

Correction Officer Day's quick reaction to the incident resulted in order being reestablished on the dorm, prevented any further injuries to the inmate population and averted any further altercations between the feuding groups. In addition, Correction Officer Day's detailed description of the incident led to the recovery, by the Department's Correction Emergency Response Team members, of the weapons utilized in the assaults and homicide. It also provided a pathway for the New York State Police's Bureau of Criminal Investigations unit and the Department's Office of Special Investigations investigators to ultimately obtain a confession by the suspect in the homicide and ensured all combatants were held accountable for their actions.

**CRAIG WALSH****CORRECTION OFFICER****WALLKILL**

On February 8, 2015, Correction Officer Craig Walsh was shopping at a Hannaford grocery store in Walden, when he observed another patron at the store appearing agitated. Walden Police Officer Montanaro responded to the store and began talking with the agitated patron while Correction Officer Walsh stayed nearby once the individual become loud and belligerent. As Police Officer Montanaro went to arrest the individual, the individual lunged at the officer and began assaulting him. Correction Officer Walsh immediately came to the assistance of Police Officer Montanaro, physically engaging the suspect and helping Police Officer Montanaro make the arrest. If it were not for Correction Officer Walsh's actions, the situation could have escalated and resulted in the Police Officer or another patron of the grocery store being hurt. Correction Officer Walsh did not think of himself but instead became concerned about Police Officer Montanaro and the other individuals in the grocery store that day. Correction Officer Walsh used his training and was a big key to Police Officer Montanaro completing the arrest.



BILLY KIRBY

PLANT UTILITIES ENGINEER 1

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JOSEPH MERVILLE

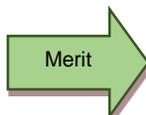
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On October 31, 2015, Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Billy Kirby was working in the Powerhouse at Auburn Correctional Facility. Due to an electrical malfunction inside the facility, there was an explosion inside an electrical vault and the facility lost power. After ensuring that the generator had started, Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Kirby began resetting the boilers and noticed smoke had begun filling the room. Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Kirby immediately started to search for the source of the smoke and upon checking the generator, found the top of the generator was on fire. Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Kirby notified the Watch Commander of the fire and returned to the generator with a dry chemical fire extinguisher and extinguished the fire after safely shutting down the generator.

During this time, Sergeant Joseph Merville had responded to the shop gate to investigate the power loss in the shops. While investigating, he heard the explosion and observed smoke billowing from a dislodged 300 pound manhole cover of an underground electrical vault. As he approached the vault, he observed flames through the smoke. Sergeant Merville immediately responded to the electrical vault with a dry chemical fire extinguisher which he used to put the electrical fire out.

The quick thinking and decisive actions of both Plant Utilities Engineer 1 Kirby and Sergeant Merville allowed the facility to maintain security and saved the state potentially thousands of dollars in damage and repair costs.

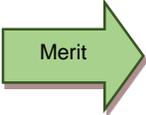


JEFFREY LEWIS

CORRECTION OFFICER

COLLINS

On October 26, 2015, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Correction Officer Jeffrey Lewis was at his home in Lakeview when he heard screaming coming from a nearby house. Correction Officer Lewis responded to the house finding it fully engulfed in flames with an upstairs resident trapped. Retrieving a ladder, Correction Officer Lewis rescued the resident and his dog, saving both lives. Correction Officer Lewis then obtained a hose to attempt to extinguish the fire. The structure was completely gutted. Correction Officer Lewis' heroic and quick actions are credited with saving the man and dog's lives.

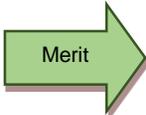
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LEONARD PLATT
TREVOR MACINTYRE

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ATTICA
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On November 6, 2015, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Security staff at Attica responded to a serious inmate-on-inmate assault on the second floor of C-Block. The victim, who was stabbed in the neck, sustained life-threatening injuries, losing a massive amount of blood and collapsing on the company floor. Responding staff took measures to apply pressure to the wound to slow the loss of blood. Correction Officer Leonard Platt, with the assistance of Correction Officer Trevor MacIntyre, picked the inmate up from the floor and carried him down a flight of stairs to the block lobby. Upon arriving in the lobby, the Correction Officers realized the gurney had not yet arrived, so with the assistance of a third officer, they continued to carry the victim approximately 100 yards to the facility hospital entrance. Medical staff was ultimately able to stabilize the inmate for transport to the Erie County Medical Center, where he received life-saving surgery. The immediate and decisive actions of both Correction Officers, along with their extraordinary efforts, played a significant role in saving the life of the inmate.

 Merit

GARY RONEKER

CORRECTION OFFICER

FISHKILL

On December 25, 2015, Correction Officer Gary Roneker stopped at the You You Restaurant for lunch. As he arrived, he observed four males and a female involved in an argument in the parking lot. When he was greeted at the door, the owner advised him to turn around, and as he did, he observed one of the males pull a knife from his clothing and begin to attempt to assault two people in the group. As the assailant chased the two potential victims, Correction Officer Roneker drew his personal weapon and confronted the attacker. Identifying himself, Correction Officer Roneker stepped toward the knife-wielding man and ordered him to drop the weapon and lay on the ground, while maintaining the man at gunpoint. Correction Officer Roneker held the perpetrator until he was restrained by arriving New York State Police. Correction Officer Roneker, just six days from retirement as a Correction Officer, took heroic steps that protected four people from death or serious physical injury. His selfless actions bring credit to himself, the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and to the profession of Correction Officer.