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Wisconsin Man Named Correctional Officer of the Year

Correctional Sergeant Dan Meehan of the Waupun Correctional Facility accepts honor
from AFSCME in Washington DC

Washington, DC - Correctional Sergeant Dan Meehan of the Waupun Correctional Facility was named Correctional Officer of the Year by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

“It takes a strong person to be a good correctional officer. The job is tough and often dangerous. Meehan is an outstanding officer and his extraordinary drive to organize and motivate his fellow COs has resulted in real results for workers and safer communities,” Said Martin Beil, Executive Director, Wisconsin State Employees Union.

Meehan has served as a correctional officer (CO) for more than two decades. During his tenure he has mentored hundreds of young officers starting out in the dangerous but rewarding field. This year as President of AFSCME Local 18 Meehan successfully navigated his membership through a historic state budget battle, worked with state legislators and the Wisconsin Attorney General to develop legislation to close a legal loophole that puts officers at risk for false accusations from inmates and helped defuse a potentially deadly situation when one of his members was taken hostage at the Waupun Correctional Facility.

“There is no other correctional officer that we would want to “have our back,” Said Bob McLinn, President AFSCME Council 24.

AFSCME represents 67,000 corrections officers and 23,000 corrections employees who’ve joined forces to fight for safer workplaces, and respect for the dangerous jobs they do. AFSCME members are men and women working all across the country, in corrections facilities, state prisons and county jails. AFSCME has a proven record of accomplishments on the federal, state and local levels, and at the bargaining table – fighting to improve the pay and working conditions of all COs and corrections employees.

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