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STRYKER – Employees at the Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio have named Corrections Officer Mike Dobbins, of Defiance County, the Employee of the Year for 2018.

Fellow workers at CCNO chose Dobbins for the honor based on an event in February of 2018. Officer Dobbins was speaking with an inmate and quickly recognized that the inmate was likely under the influence of some type of drug. Several inmates were drug tested after he enlisted the help of his supervisor and came back positive for Fentanyl. Security staff were able to take safety precautions prior to a unit shakedown to avoid exposure to the drug. The shakedown resulted in finding three plastic packages of a substance. Fentanyl exposure has recently been a headliner risk for law enforcement and correctional officers as accidental contact with the drug can potentially be fatal. Officer Dobbins' observation skills and quick thinking thwarted a dangerous event from going awry.

Dobbins started his career at CCNO in 2012, and this was not the first time he received the honor. He was named 2014's Employee of the Year for quickly responding to a suicide attempt and stopping a female inmate from jumping from a top tier.

"It's staff like Mike that keep CCNO operating safely," commented CCNO Executive Director Dennis Sullivan. "In our line of work we have to constantly be security-minded; not just for the inmates' safety, but for the staff too. Mike does a great job of that every day. He just proved it in that situation."

Last spring the CCNO Board approved the purchase of a body scanner to reduce the risk for staff at the corrections center. Since the scanner's installation there have not been any conveyance or overdose events.

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Pictured, left to right, is CCNO Director of Security Craig Eiden and CCNO Employee of the Year Mike Dobbins.

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