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of  
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**STRYKER** – An employee who helped a choking inmate received special recognition during the Feb. 28 meeting of the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio.

Corrections Officer Jesse Gibson was named CCNO Employee of the Year for 2017. He has been employed at CCNO since Jan. 7, 2013, and lives in Defiance.

Officer Gibson was nominated for the honor for helping an inmate who was apparently choking. While Officer Gibson was completing a walk through in a 64-bed minimum male unit, an inmate reached out to him. The inmate could not speak and was gesturing as if he was choking. Officer Gibson called for medical assistance and then began the Heimlich maneuver. After a few attempts the object was dislodged and the inmate could breathe again. It was noted that Officer Gibson's quick thinking and application for the skills in this urgent situation prevented serious harm and even death of an inmate.

CCNO Executive Director Jim Dennis said, "Officer Gibson has been a good officer since he started at CCNO. He was calm and used his training to assist the choking inmate. That was a great resolution to a difficult situation. Day in and day out he is a hard worker. I'm so pleased he received this award."



**Pictured, left to right, is CCNO Executive Director Jim Dennis and CCNO Employee of the Year Jesse Gibson.**