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New Lisbon Correctional Officer Saves Inmate's Life *New Lisbon Correctional Sergeant helps administer life-saving CPR care to unresponsive inmate*

NEW LISBON, Wis. – A correctional officer at New Lisbon Correctional Institution is being credited with saving an inmate's life last week by quickly delivering life-saving medical care to him. Sgt. John Oens' actions are being commended by corrections leadership.

On March 20, New Lisbon Correctional Institution staff members were dispatched to a dayroom for a medical emergency. Sgt. Oens found an inmate lying on his back on the floor and immediately made an assessment of the inmate's medical condition and determined that he had a pulse and was breathing. Oens removed the inmate's shirts and monitored his condition. Sgt. Oens found that the inmate was unresponsive and requested another officer deliver an automated external defibrillator (AED). The AED pads were attached but the AED machine did not advise administering a shock to the patient, so no shock was administered.

A registered nurse arrived and soon after the inmate began to breathe abnormally. Sgt. Oens administered a series of chest compressions and condition checks which ultimately led to the inmate coughing, moving his legs and breathing normally. The inmate was taken by ambulance for further medical evaluation.

"Thanks to Sgt. Oens' actions, the inmate received life-saving treatment and Sgt. Oens performed his duties admirably," said Department of Corrections Secretary Gary Hamblin. "Our staff is trained in life-saving techniques but the hope is that it will never have to be used. The actions of Sgt. Oens were critical to the inmate's survival and demonstrate the tremendous care shown by our staff to inmates."

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