

Utah County Employee of the Month for April, 2017
Spencer Butters, Corrections Specialist II
Utah County Sheriff's Office

I would like to nominate Deputy Spencer Butters for Employee of the month.

A few days ago, I was sitting in Alta when Deputy Spencer Butters brought a new inmate into the pod. Another inmate that was currently in the pod, saw Deputy Butters, and immediately went to talk to him, as did two other inmates. The inmates really respect Spencer and look to him for help and advice.

There was a time when control let us know that a combative inmate was coming in. When the upset inmate saw Spencer, he immediately said, "BUTTERS, I'll be good for you," and he calmed right down. The inmates know him and know how he works.

However, there are times when we have to fight with inmates, and Spencer is the Deputy you want with you, if that happens. There was a mentally ill female in medical, that needed to be taken somewhere. She was refusing to do as we told her, screaming profanities, and pounding on the cell window. There were three Deputies present, but when the door popped open, Spencer single handedly forced her against the wall in a wrist lock, and got her to comply from that point on.

Just recently, an inmate jumped from the tier in one of the housing pods. Even though Spencer is a Booking Deputy, he responded to that back-up call in housing and was one of the first ones there to help.

Spencer is knowledgeable in all areas of the jail, including booking, housing, records, property, and visiting. When a back-up call is made, he is one of the most physically capable deputies in the jail to deal with it. He is on the Detention Response Team (DRT), which is a team designated to deal with the physically volatile situations that arise in the jail. On top of being a super good Deputy, he is an awesome co-worker. He does drink runs often, and will get drinks for anyone that wants one. I have seen him bring back 10 or more drinks on several different occasions. The clerks at the gas station love to see him, as he is just as friendly with them as he is his co-workers.

He is fun to work with, and despite all the hours of over-time he puts in, he is not lazy. For all these reasons, I think Spencer should be considered for employee of the month.

Sincerely,

A grateful Co-Worker

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