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I would like to nominate Sergeant Andrew (Stewie) Stewart for the Utah County Employee of the month. This nomination comes from talking to the Jail housing crew that Stewart supervises, other Sergeants, Stewart's supervisors, and the civilian staff at the Jail. I along with every member of Stewart's crew would need to write several pages each to properly describe the positive impact he has had on our lives and careers.

Sergeant Stewart has worked for the Sheriff's Office for the last thirteen years and has been assigned to many different areas as a deputy, including Housing, Booking, the jail transition team and served as a member of the Detention Response Team (DRT.) As a Sergeant, he has supervised Housing, booking, and for the last seven-plus years has been the Sergeant in charge of the DRT team. Stewart has also assisted the Field training Sergeant (Sgt. Clark), by overseeing the training and placement of new deputies throughout the jail on their rotation. Assisting with the FTO program and supervising the DRT team adds to his list of responsibilities and liabilities. These include working extra hours, extra training and paperwork. Sergeant Stewart has done an excellent job with every assignment he has been given. Every day Stewart is jumping in and helping wherever he can. This helps his crew run as smoothly as possible.

Being the Sergeant in charge of the DRT team is a big undertaking in its self. The DRT team is a team of twenty deputies, all on different rotations working together to take control of any disturbance inside the jail. These disturbances range from an uncooperative inmate to an all-out riot. Stewart is responsible for overseeing the team, staffing the team with deputies and equipment and setting up training that helps with the issues that arise in the jail. Sergeant Stewart has gone above and beyond to get the necessary equipment for the team and has even gotten equipment that further helps the team in tough situations, that not many agencies have access to.

Stewart is always supporting staff members and is always the first person to volunteer to help when anyone needs it. Several times that I know of Stewart has gone on his days off to help a member of the staff move, put in sod, or complete a personal project. Sergeant Stewart talks with his deputies and finds out the direction that they would like their career to go and finds ways to help them achieve their goals. He does this by helping them go to training that they want to attend, advises them to help them with their job and where they want it to go, and even gives them extra responsibilities that will help further their career.

One of his most influential aspects is the way that Stewart manages and treats the inmate population in jail. Stewart is firm, fair and approachable, he holds inmates and the staff that he supervises accountable for their actions good or bad. Stewart treats everyone with respect and has a genuine concern for their wellbeing.



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One of the many times I have witnessed this firsthand was in November of 2018, an inmate with known mental health concerns was having a very hard time in housing. For this inmate's safety, we decided to move him to the medical unit of the jail for closer observation. Stewart was speaking to this inmate asking what he could do to help the situation. Without any warning and for no reason the inmate attempted to strike Stewart in his chest with his fist. Swift action was taken by Stewart and the deputies involved, no strikes were thrown by Stewart or the deputies, but we quickly immobilized and secured the inmate. Although Stewart sustained an injury during the assault, his first concern was for the deputies involved and the inmate. The first thing that Stewart said to the inmate was "are you ok? Are you hurt at all?" Stewart takes his responsibility to protect the wellbeing of everyone under his supervision earnestly and approaches his duties consistently.

There are countless other examples that I could write about, that is just one that came to mind.

Thank you for your consideration.