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Courage & Bravery: Nurse from the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is honored with Meritorious Recognition at the Excellence in Corrections Awards for his swift reaction to a volatile situation

Dedham, MA – A veteran nurse at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is being celebrated for quickly responding to an urgent call for help from a correctional officer who was being assaulted by an individual in the care and custody of the Sheriff's Correctional Center in Dedham.

Nurse Edward Reardon was awarded Meritorious Recognition at the annual Excellence in Corrections Awards presented by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Reardon was among the more than two dozen correctional professionals recognized on Tuesday at Mechanics Hall in Worcester for their dedication and heroism.

The incident involving Reardon happened on December 23, 2024. Reardon jumped into action when the correctional officer assigned to the Health Service Unit during an overnight shift was assaulted by an individual being treated in the unit.

Reardon positioned himself between the assailant and the correctional officer, who had sustained injuries. He was then able to keep the individual away until other officers arrived, demonstrating commendable selflessness by prioritizing the safety of a colleague over his own and exposing himself to potential harm.

"We are thankful for Ed Reardon's courage and bravery," said Sheriff Patrick McDermott. "Reardon has been a nurse at the Norfolk County Correctional Center for 20 years and exemplifies the spirit of valor that is so common in the corrections profession and here at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office."

"Congratulations to all of the award recipients," said Sheriff McDermott. "We are forever grateful for their remarkable professionalism."

Photo: NCSO Nurse Edward Reardon (center) with Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott (left) and Secretary of Public Safety & Security Terrence Reidy at Excellence in Corrections awards at Mechanics Hall.