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Stanley Correctional Institution staff recognized for life-saving acts *Two employees save lives in separate incidents*

STANLEY - Secretary Gary Hamblin visited Stanley Correctional Institution on May 22, 2012, to recognize the heroic acts of two employees who helped save the lives of two inmates during separate incidents.

On July 9, 2011 at approximately 11:30 p.m., correctional officer Andrew Kjelstad responded to an incident where an inmate was in his cell coughing and choking. Officer Kjelstad asked the inmate if he was able to breathe, when the man didn't answer, Officer Kjelstad responded by delivering three blows to the inmate's back in an effort to dislodge the obstruction. When that attempt failed, Officer Kjelstad proceeded to perform the Heimlich maneuver. The item was dislodged after the third or fourth attempt. The inmate began gasping for air, and then began to breathe normally again.

In a separate incident at Stanley Correctional Institution on Oct. 3, 2011, Sgt. Robert J. Chause, Jr., responded to an inmate apparently having a seizure. Sgt. Chause responded to the victim who he observed in a courtyard laying on his back. Shortly after Sgt. Chause radioed for help the inmate stopped breathing. Another staff member delivered an Automatic External Defibrillator, and Chause delivered the shock. He then began performing CPR and checking the man's vitals. He was also put on oxygen. The inmate was taken to a nearby hospital for further treatment.

Both Kjelstad and Chause received certificates and were recognized by the Department of Corrections for their heroism.

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