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Penitentiary staff member to receive American Correctional Officer Medal Of Honor

(Pierre)- A security staff member at the South Dakota State Penitentiary will be honored by a national organization for his role in helping prevent the April 12th escape attempt by two inmates.

Corporal Matthew Freeburg will receive the American Correctional Officer (ACO) Bronze Medal of Honor during a ceremony in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 14th.

Freeburg was nominated for the award by Penitentiary Warden Doug Weber. He was selected by his peers to receive the award for "exhibiting heroism and commitment above and beyond his daily role."

The ACO is a nonprofit organization that promotes the well being and safety of publicly employed correctional officers and professionals.