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Penitentiary Training Specialist honored

Pierre, S.D. – A training specialist at the South Dakota State Penitentiary has received an award for his work with critical incident stress management debriefings.

Pete Norris was awarded the Pat Lovely CISM Award February 26th at the Sioux Empire Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Network awards ceremony in Sioux Falls.

The award goes to a team member who has made a significant contribution to the effort of providing care for first responders, such as correctional officers, firefighters, law enforcement officers and ambulance crew members.

The award is named for Pat Lovely, a founding member of the Sioux Empire CISM team. Lovely took a lead in helping start other CISM teams in South Dakota, helping to train many of the original members of nearly all of the CISM teams in the state.

"I've always felt the role of the debriefer has been to help those who help others," said Norris. "They are there for the first responders."

Norris has served on the governing board of the Sioux Empire CISM Network since 1993. He has helped revise the Network's bylaws, designed and produced identification cards and been involved in the Network's monthly newsletter.

Norris has worked at the Penitentiary since 1992.