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## *Corrections News*

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### **Harper Chosen as Department February Employee of the Month**

Coleen Harper has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for February 2010. Harper is employed as a Cook III at South Central Correctional Center in Licking, Missouri. Harper is being recognized for going above and beyond her normal working duties.

In a letter to Harper, Missouri Department of Corrections Director George A. Lombardi wrote, "Your contributions to the Department have not gone unnoticed. In your position as Cook III, you have gone above and beyond your normal working duties. After your colleague was assaulted by an offender, you quickly made the appropriate radio call and applied a burst of pepper spray to the offender, thus helping to minimize the injury to officer. This all took place in Food Service with just you and the officer assigned and present at this post. Your actions are to be commended. Your quick, immediate, and diligent response in this matter assisted greatly in preventing serious injury to another staff member. Your ability to accept a diversity of job assignments and perform them at high level benefits South Central Correctional Center, and the department as a whole."

Harper has been employed with the Department of Corrections for 6 ½ years and resides in Houston, Missouri.

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