

# Garrett County Sheriff's Office

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February 2, 2021

To: Major T.D. Reese, President MCAA

From: Capt. Jim Tichnell

RE: 2020 Correctional Officer of the Year

The Administration of the Garrett County Detention Center has selected Correctional Officer Derek Tasker as the 2020 Correctional Officer of the Year.

This decision was not easily made. However, when I sat at my desk and read the nominations for this honor it became obvious that Officer Tasker was the best selection.

Officer Tasker is a reliable, hard working and dedicated Correctional Officer, He takes pride in his work and is always seeking to improve himself and the facility. Officer Tasker is continually seeking to expand his knowledge of Corrections in hopes of working his way up the ladder to a supervisory position and ultimately an administrative position.

Officer Tasker, with just over a year and a half of experience has become the "go to" officer on his team. Officer Tasker, with his limited experience has developed the ability to successfully de-escalate situation with excellent communication skills. This is a trait that is not often shared by many more experienced Correctional Professionals.

Quoting one of Officer Tasker's Supervisors, "Do we simply name an Officer of the Year who simply stands in the shadow of doing their job or the person who stands on their own merit and initiative? Officer Derek Tasker is that person."

For the above reasons and for his unwavering dedication and professionalism Officer Derek Tasker is the obvious choice for the Garrett County Detention Center's Officer of the year.

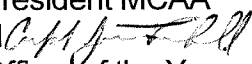
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**April 24, 2020**

To: Major T.D. Reese, President MCAA  
From: Capt. Jim Tichnell   
RE: 2019 Correctional Officer of the Year

The Administration of the Garrett County Detention Center has selected Correctional Officer Zachary Tasker as our Officer of the Year.

Officer Tasker will celebrate his second anniversary as a Correctional Officer on June 24, 2020. Although he is a younger Officer with minimal experience, Officer Tasker consistently displays exceptional competence, sound judgement and he displays excellent decision-making skills.

Officer Tasker has become a role model for newer staff and leads them by example. His exceptional work ethic, energy and positive attitude have been contagious to his co-workers and supervisors.

Officer Tasker has an amazing ability to deescalate situations and handles every situation he encounters with confidence and professionalism.

As Correctional Professionals, being part of the Law Enforcement Community, we are held to a higher standard of conduct both on and off duty. Officer Tasker exhibits the highest standard of conduct while on duty and off duty. He is a respected member of the Loch Lynn Church of God where he spends his free time as a Youth Leader, mentoring younger members of the Church. He also works as a Lifeguard at the local Community Aquatic Recreation Center.

Officer Tasker's ethical standards, dedication and professionalism, both on and off duty prove that he is an excellent example of a true Correctional Professional. For these reasons we are proud to present Correctional Officer Zachary Tasker as the Correctional Officer of the Year for the Garrett County Detention Center

Capt. Jim Tichnell, Administrator