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Reference: Sumter County Detention Center Sergeant James Reid was recently recognized by Sheriff Bill Farmer for saving the life of an inmate on February 11, 2012. Sergeant Reid was making his observation checks at approximately 1042 pm (2-11-12) when he discovered an inmate lying on the concrete cell bench with what appeared to be something around his neck. Sgt. James Reid observed the inmate was blue in color and not breathing. Entry was made into the cell. Sergeant Reid could not feel a pulse and placed the inmate onto the floor where he began the use of the Ambu bag (rescue breather). Placing it over the inmate's mouth and nose Reid immediately started squeezing the bag while watching the inmate's chest rise. This was done four or five times until he could feel a pulse and the inmate began to breathe on his own. While waiting on EMS the inmate stopped breathing again. Sergeant Reid started using the Ambu bag to breath for the inmate until he began breathing again and regained consciousness.

For his efforts Sheriff Farmer presented Sergeant James Reid with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award.

