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Mecklenburg County Officer Saved by Resident's Quick Action

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – A Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) officer was saved by a resident's quick thinking after choking while on duty earlier today.

The officer began choking while working in the kitchen area. Another officer performed the Heimlich maneuver but was unsuccessful. A resident intervened and successfully performed the maneuver saving the officer's life.

"I am happy to know that our officer is doing fine after this frightening situation," said Sheriff McFadden. *"Without the quick thinking of our resident we might have lost a fine officer today. I am incredibly grateful for their heroism. This is a perfect example of why it is so important to change the culture within our detention centers across the country."*

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