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Three members of the Iowa State Penitentiary's Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) competed in the annual agency wide CERT Challenge hosted by the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. Jason Calfee, Spencer Manning and Brendan Freeman contended with representatives from eight other institutions and a squad from the Iowa State Patrol during the event.

The teams were required to compete in eight different categories. Five of the challenges were physical in nature including obstacle courses and tests of overall fitness which were timed for completion. The remaining three trials involved weapons proficiency with a pistol, shotgun and rifle. This portion of the competition was scored based on time and team score.

The Iowa Medical and Classification Center CERT squad took first place in the event narrowly defeating the ISP team in the one day competition.

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