

# THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



## Dean Bierman

SAFETY/SECURITY SPECIALIST

Dean Bierman has always wanted to be of service to others.

That's what he loves about his first career in education and it's what led him to his new position on the security team at Columbus Community Hospital (CCH).

Bierman started as a safety/security specialist at CCH in May 2017.

Before that, Bierman had earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and spent most of his career in the education field.

Over his years as an educator, Bierman taught virtually every subject and all grade levels. However, he primarily taught business courses like accounting at the high school level.

For several years, Bierman has worked as a substitute teacher for the Columbus Public Schools district – something he continues to do now in addition to his work at CCH.

He said substitute teaching has been extremely enjoyable to him, because it allows him to make a positive impact on young people's lives. In his position as safety/security specialist at CCH, Bierman is able to interact with people from all walks of life and positively impact them too.

**“My role with safety/security has made for a terrific fit for me working in the health care arena,”** he said. **“It is truly a special deal. It is a really great feeling to know you have made a positive difference.”**

In his position as safety/security specialist, Bierman helps ensure the safety and security of everyone at CCH, including patients, employees and visitors. To do this, he makes sure all of the doors are locked and unlocked as instructed, responds to safety alarms and responds to any behavioral issues with visitors.

He also checks up on and follows weather condition reports in the area and assists with any medical situations as needed. For example, he may help with helicopter transport safety procedures, patient behavioral issues and wheelchair care. Bierman also escorts patients and visitors to the appropriate areas of the hospital.

Bierman enjoys this work, in part, because it offers plenty of variety and there is no typical day on the job.

**“No day appears to be the same,”** he said. **“There seems to be a variety of activities that can occur each day, that make my job active, challenging and rewarding.”**

Bierman also enjoys his work at CCH because he said he has been very supported in his role as safety/security specialist.

**“CCH has supported me...in allowing me to feel like such a big part of the overall picture and hospital team,”** he said. **“I always feel like what I have to say, my input and what I do is very much valued. I am consistently included in meetings, activities, events, etc. It is most definitely greatly appreciated.”**

Bierman has found his position as safety/security specialist to be very fulfilling and he said he's happy to be a key part of the CCH team.

**“I realize when many are thinking of different career positions relating to health care, safety/security would probably not be towards the top of the list,”** he said. **“However, I would recommend anyone interested in being of service to others to seriously consider a position in the safety and security division of health care.”**

**For more information on Bierman and CCH's efforts to provide a safe and secure facility for patients, employees and visitors, visit [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).**