



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

LETTER OF AWARD

To: Officer Trevor Walker
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: October 31, 2017
Re: Lifesaving Award

Corporal Teresa Fuller recently nominated you for the Spokane Police Department's Lifesaving Award. The Lifesaving Award is given to department personnel who, by their immediate actions, have saved a human life under unusual and/or extraordinary circumstances. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed your nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition.

In her nomination letter, Corporal Fuller wrote: "On August 6, 2017, just after 3:00am, a female called 911 reporting what originally came out as an argument. As officers were coming into the area, they were advised there was a male down and bleeding, and that this was now possibly a shooting or stabbing.

Ofc. Walker was the first to arrive on scene. He quickly assessed the victim who had suffered approximately 7 stab wounds from an unknown assailant. A family member had attempted a tourniquet on the victim's right arm with a belt. Ofc. Walker applied one of his department issued tourniquets to further stop the bleeding. He then provided one of the family members with gauze in order to keep pressure on the evisceration the victim suffered to his lower abdomen.

Once fire crews arrived on scene, they noted the victim was barely conscious with no palpable blood pressure. Spokane Fire Department Lt. Ty Bruner, Station 15, stated, "*Follow-up the next morning found the victim in stable condition after extensive surgery. He sustained a perforated small bowel, lacerated liver, incisional hernia, and severe blood loss. This was a joint effort between SPD and SFD and I feel that if not for the placement of the tourniquet and aggressive effort to control bleeding prior to the arrival of medics that the victim would have expired at the scene.*" Lt. Bruner also stated in his email, "*Additionally, they (SPD personnel) helped move the patient off the ground and manage the scene. Their work is greatly appreciated and imperative to the favorable outcome of this incident. Special thanks to Officer Trevor Walker who rode in with us and provided needed assistance in helping continue stabilization efforts of a critical patient.*"

When I arrived on scene, the victim was going in and out of consciousness. Once the victim had been transported, the gravity of the incident became apparent as there was blood spattered all over 3 of the 5 vehicles parked in front of the residence, and blood all over the ground between the two homes at the location, indicating just how much blood the victim had lost prior to our arrival."

Officer Walker, the Lifesaving Medal is being awarded to you for your heroic actions in the incident outlined above. You will be awarded the Lifesaving Medal during the 2017 Annual Employee Awards Ceremony being held in March 2018. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig N. Meidl".

Craig N. Meidl
Chief of Police

