



## Letter of Award Lifesaving Medal



To: Officer Brad Lewis  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: November 2, 2018  
Re: Lifesaving Award

Officer Lewis,

Lt. Rob Boothe 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. Lt. Boothe's nomination included the following:

*"On July 21, 2018 at approximately 1449 hrs, Police Dispatch received a 911 call saying that a 5 year old had thrown up and now wasn't breathing. Police Dispatch advised that Fire was starting CPR. An absolutely terrible call to hear over the radio, but the belief was that Fire was on scene and that they were performing CPR.*

*Officer Brad Lewis heard the call and responded to the location, despite it not being a "Police" call for service and not being dispatched. Officer Lewis arrived on scene and saw that Fire was not on scene and that there were people in the yard frantically waving him down. Officer Lewis was able to quickly assess that the child's life was still in jeopardy and ran into the residence. The incident was all captured on Officer Lewis's body worn camera.*

*Officer Lewis saw the child and he later described the child to be unresponsive and cyanotic, the child's lips were blue and there was a bluish cast to his skin - it appeared that the child has passed. Officer Lewis didn't hesitate and he immediately ran to the child. Watching Officer Lewis's body camera footage you can hear the desperation in the child's mother's voice and she is pleading for help. Officer Lewis remained calm and leapt into action, he swept the mouth and upper airway and was able to clear the obstruction, however the child was still not breathing. Officer Lewis began CPR on the child and continued CPR for over 40 seconds. After some very tense moments the child began blinking his eyes and moving his head. Officer Lewis could hear some slight breathing noises. Fire then arrived on scene and provided oxygen, and confirmed that the child had a pulse. The child was transported to SHMC PEDS via AMR.*

*The following day I contacted SMHC PEDS unit and they were able to advise that the little boy was stable and doing well. On 072418, I was contacted by the young boy's mother. She advised that her son was home and doing much better, and she said, "I want to thank the officer for his quick response and for checking in our her family. It means a lot to us."*

*Officer Lewis, acting upon his own accord and initiative, responded to a desperate need from one of the citizens of Spokane. His immediate actions were responsible for the saving of the life of a 5-year-old boy."*

Officer Lewis, 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 2018 Annual Employee Awards Ceremony in March 2019 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Handwritten signature of Craig N. Meidl.

Craig Meidl, Chief of Police