



Letter of Award Lifesaving Medal



To: Officer Deanna Storch
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: August 8, 2018
Re: Lifesaving Award

Sergeant Blaine Kakuda 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. Sergeant Kakuda noted in the nomination:

"On March 12, 2018 after an officer involved shooting incident in the area of the 5300 block of North Regal, Officers Perry, Storch, Winters, Hice and Lewis entered the apartment making contact with the injured suspect. Once the scene was secured, they immediately began life saving measures.

In describing their actions, Spokane Fire Department Lieutenant Staggs, who is certified in advanced life-saving (ALS), wrote in an email: *'On our arrival, we found the patient to have multiple GSWs to the extremities on his right side. These wounds were not bleeding, thanks to the heads-up action of the officers on scene. They had placed two tourniquets (one on the arm and one on the leg) high and tight, appropriate for the wounds present. The bleeding had been reduced significantly, contributing to preserving the life of the patient until a surgeon could manage the wounds. Also worth noting, a chest seal had been prepared, but not placed. This shows forward thinking on the wellbeing and outcome of the patient in the minds of the officers. These actions were above the expectations set forth as a patrol officer and were contributing factors to a positive medical outcome of the patient.'* Lieutenant Staggs added, *'We would like to make sure they are recognized for these efforts, especially in what was a complex situation at the scene.'*

I was made aware of the fact that the above officers did not hesitate to step in and take action. Their immediate actions, no matter if the suspect had sustained life threatening injuries or not, were taken without hesitation. These officers have shown that the steps they took were not only commendable, but that they also went above their normal call of duty.

Based on observations and comments by Lieutenant Staggs, it is apparent that without the quick actions of above listed officers, the suspect could have succumbed to his wounds."

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

Sincerely,

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

Craig Meidl
Chief of Police