



Letter of Award Lifesaving Medal



To: Officer Daniel Morley
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: February 1, 2021
Re: Lifesaving Medal Award

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After two doses of Narcan and continued CPR, the driver eventually began breathing on his own for a brief period of time, then again stopped breathing. A third dose of Narcan was administered and after another series of chest compressions, the driver began breathing on his own. At this point, medics arrived on scene and took over primary care for the driver. Unbeknownst to everyone at that time, this was the second time the driver had attempted suicide by heroin overdose that week. A fourth dose of Narcan was required before medics could get the driver stabilized and transported to the hospital.

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Although the driver of this vehicle clearly has obstacles to overcome to regain his life, without the actions of Officers Morley, Cunningham and Betts he would not have a chance of a future. All three Officers gave this individual a new lease on life. For this reason we would like to nominate all three officers for the SPD Lifesaving Medal."

Officer Morley, I am proud to present you with the Lifesaving Award. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

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