



## Letter of Award Lifesaving Medal



To: Officer Michael Baughn  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: April 15, 2021  
Re: Lifesaving Medal Award

Officer Baughn,

Sergeant Michael Huffman recently nominated you for the Lifesaving Medal Award. The Spokane Police Department 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.

*"On 02/05/2021, at about 1303 hours, Officers were dispatched to the laundromat, located at Garland Avenue and Monroe Street for a report of an assault that just occurred. The caller advised there were two male's actively fighting and one appears to be intoxicated. Officer Baughn was only a couple blocks away when the call came out and arrived on-scene quickly.*

*As Officer Baughn was walking up to the laundromat, he noticed a male leaning up against the building covered in blood. Prior to law enforcement, Officer Baughn was an EMT for about five years and realized this injury was an arterial bleed from a stab wound and it needed to be stopped. Officer Baughn quickly put a tourniquet on the victim's right arm which stopped the arm from bleeding.*

*The victim was transported to Sacred Heart where he was met up with ER doctors. The ER doctors had to put several units of blood back into him and rushed him to surgery where he is expected to live.*

*After the incident was completed, I went up to Sacred Heart and talked with the ER doctor that was in charge of the trauma. Dr. MacDonald told me whoever put the tourniquet on did a fantastic job. Dr. MacDonald said the tourniquet was tight and placed correctly. I asked Dr. MacDonald if putting the tourniquet on saved the man's life. Dr. MacDonald told me without the tourniquet the man "would have bled out for sure".*

*Officer Baughn took his skills as an EMT and went above and beyond the call of the normal duties of a patrol officer. There is no doubt in my mind that Officer Baughn's actions saved this man's life."*

Officer Baughn, I am proud to present you with the Lifesaving Award. You will be awarded the Lifesaving Medal during the next Employee Awards Ceremony and a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig N. Meidl".

Craig N. Meidl  
Chief of Police