



## Letter of Award Lifesaving Medal 2021



To: Officer Alexander Baxter  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: January 17, 2022  
Re: Lifesaving Medal Award

Sergeant Ben Maplethorpe recently nominated Officer Jordan Schott and Officer Alexander Baxter for the Lifesaving 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 11/16/21 at approximately 8:00 PM, Officer Jordan Schott and Reserve Officer Cory Rose were patrolling in the area of Deaconess Hospital. A vehicle turned the wrong way onto S Lincoln St from W 4th Ave and drove directly at the officers. As Reserve Officer Rose was preparing to stop the vehicle, he and Officer Schott realized the driver was flagging them over. They also saw the passenger was slumped over in the seat.*

*The driver advised Officer Schott and Reserve Officer Rose that there was a problem with the passenger. Officer Schott recognized the man was exhibiting symptoms of Opioid overdose. Officer Schott pulled him from the vehicle. Officer Schott stated the man had a faint pulse and was having difficulty breathing.*

*Officers Baxter and Wilke arrived on scene shortly after. Officer Baxter brought Naloxone and administered the first dose, which appeared to have no effect for three to four minutes. He then administered a second dose. The man regained consciousness and started breathing normally shortly thereafter. It was discovered he was overdosing on Fentanyl. The man was admitted to the Deaconess Emergency Room.*

*I spoke with Registered Nurse Troy Elonen, Deaconess Emergency Room, who stated the administration of Naloxone was instrumental in saving the man's life and he is expected to make a full recovery thanks to the quick thinking of Officers Schott and Baxter.*

*Their actions reflect great credit upon themselves and are in keeping with the highest standards of the Spokane Police Department. For this reason, I nominate them for the Life-Saving Award."*

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C N Meidl".

Craig N. Meidl  
Chief of Police