



Letter of Award Lifesaving Medal 2021



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

Officer Canty,

Sergeant Ben Maplethorpe recently nominated you 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 the nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition.

"On 9/30/21 at approximately 7:00 PM, Officer Sam Canty was on routine patrol when he was notified by Dispatch of an unconscious woman lying on the ground in the 100 block of S State St. Officer Canty arrived within two minutes of the call being received. He was advised by witnesses on scene the woman was suffering from an overdose and Narcan had already been administered by a bystander. Another Good Samaritan was attempting CPR. Officer Canty assessed the patient and found she was not breathing and had no pulse. He also recognized the CPR being performed was not being administered properly. He took over CPR and continued until Spokane Fire Department arrived approximately five minutes after the call was received. Prior to SFD units taking over life saving measures, the patient's heart started beating and she began breathing.

I spoke with Lieutenant R. Reser, Spokane Fire Department Medic for Engine 1, who was one of the responding SFD units. Lt Reser stated the woman would not have survived had Officer Canty not performed CPR when or as well as he did.

The patient is expected to make a full recovery thanks not only to the knowledge and abilities of Officer Canty, but also his willingness to put them to use. For this reason, I nominate Officer Canty for the Life-Saving Award."

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

Sincerely,

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

Craig N. Meidl
Chief of Police