



## Letter of Award Lifesaving



To: Officer Xenon Berkeley  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: May 3, 2022  
Re: Lifesaving Award

Sgt. Tafoya nominated you for the Spokane Police Department's Lifesaving Medal. 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 his nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition. In his nomination, Sgt. Tafoya included:

*"On 3/11/2022, I received an e-mail that originated from Spokane Fire Chief Brian Schaeffer commending Officer Xenon Berkeley for his off-duty response at a Gonzaga University event to an individual suffering from what would have been a life-ending heart attack had it not been for his efforts.*

*Chief Schaeffer was one of the paramedics that responded on 2/28/22 to the Gonzaga University event that night only to discover that Officer Berkeley had successfully performed CPR and used an AED to great success. In his letter to the Department Chief Schaeffer said:*

*When I arrived, the victim was lying supine in the walkway, and Officer Berkeley cared for him. Despite being off duty, the officer remained with the patient and passed the pre-arrival information to our responders. Officer Berkeley executed CPR, utilized an AED, and managed the devices' defibrillation when recommended, and his performance was outstanding.'*

*Officer Berkeley, in addition to being a Police Officer still maintains his EMT credentials and will periodically volunteer as an EMT for AMR or the Deer Park Ambulance service. Officer Berkeley is very passionate about serving his community whether as a Spokane Police Officer or as an EMT.*

*There is no doubt in anyone's mind that without decisive intervention by Officer Berkeley this individual would have succumbed to his heart attack. For this reason I would like to second Chief Schaeffer's nomination of Officer Xenon Berkeley for the SPD Lifesaving Medal."*

Officer Berkeley, I am proud to present you with the Lifesaving Award. You will be awarded the Lifesaving Medal during the annual Employee Awards Ceremony. A copy of this document 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