



Letter of Award Lifesaving



To: Officer Justin Druitt
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: May 13, 2022
Re: Lifesaving Award

Sgt. Cordis 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. Cordis included:

"On 12/4/21 at 2105hr, a female called into 911 saying her friend had just been shot. The caller said the victim was bleeding from her leg and that the shooter had run off. By 2110, Officers Meyer, Druitt and Miller arrived on scene where they found the victim who was bleeding heavily from a gunshot wound to her left leg and was in and out of consciousness. They immediately recognized the severity of the injury and put on two tourniquets. Due to the large amount of blood on the floor, clothing and skin it was not initially apparent just how effective they were. Very shortly after that medics arrived and transported the victim to the hospital.

At the hospital, her condition was identified as life-threatening due to the large amount of blood loss. At the hospital, it was discovered that there was an entry wound on the upper thigh and an exit wound on the lower leg. While in the trauma room I watched as the doctor started to loosen one of the tourniquets. As he started to loosen it, blood began rapidly squirting out of the lower exit wound, indicating that a major artery had been damaged. The doctor quickly reapplied the tourniquet stopping the blood flow.

I was able to speak with Dr. Mueller, the ER doctor. He said applying the tourniquets "100% saved her life." The correct application of the tourniquets allowed her to arrive at the hospital with a fighting chance and gave hospital staff the opportunity to save her life. He said he had to give her a rapid transfusion because she had lost so much blood.

It was obvious that if not for the rapid and quick actions of the officers putting on not one but two tourniquets that the victim would have died from blood loss before getting in the ambulance. Their actions bought her the time and opportunity to get to the hospital where she could receive further care. It is for these reasons I am nominating Officers Meyer, Druitt and Miller for the Lifesaving medal."

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

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

Craig N. Meidl
Chief of Police