



## Letter of Award Lifesaving 2023



To: Officer Xenon Berkeley  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: May 1, 2023  
Re: Lifesaving Award

Sgt. Maplethorpe 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. Maplethorpe included:

*"On New Year's Day 2023, at approximately 5:30 PM, Officer Xenon Berkeley, working Power Shift Team 12, responded to The Ruby River Hotel, 700 N Division St, for the report of a trespasser on the property. Upon arrival, Officer Berkeley located the trespasser who was experiencing respiratory distress.*

*Xenon swiftly ascertained the man was showing signs of drug overdose. The man was unresponsive and suddenly stopped breathing. Xenon applied Narcan to counteract the effects. Officer Berkeley was unable to find a pulse. He started CPR and called for medics. Approximately one minute later, the man began breathing and his heart started beating, again.*

*The man was transported by ambulance to Sacred Heart Emergency Room (SHER) for recovery. Doctor Justin Racht, Sacred Heart Emergency Room, advised the combination of Narcan and CPR applied by Officer Berkeley were "absolutely" what saved the man's life that night.*

*Officer Berkeley not only possessed the knowledge and skills to save the man's life, but also the confidence to swiftly put these to use. Officer Berkeley's actions are in keeping with the highest standards of the police profession and show credit to the Spokane Police Department."*

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 "Craig N. Meidl".

Craig N. Meidl  
Chief of Police