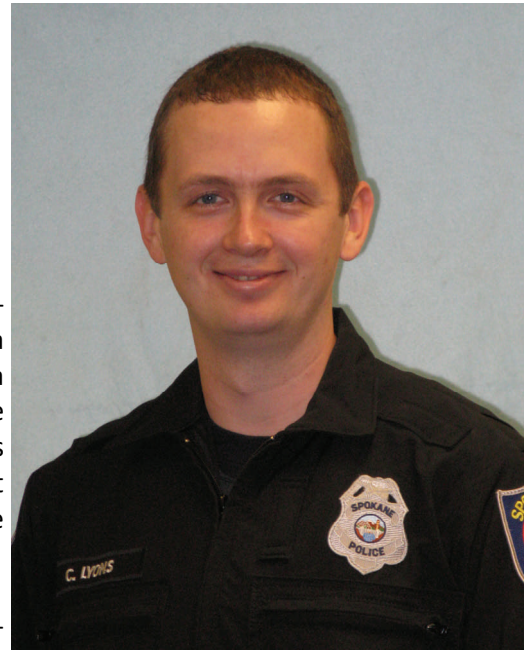


OFFICER CORY LYONS



The Lifesaving Award is given to department personnel who, by their immediate actions, have saved a human life under unusual and/or extraordinary circumstances.



On July 28th, 2008 Officer Cory Lyons responded to a suicidal subject on the Monroe Street Bridge. On arrival, Officer Lyons saw a subject straddling the bridge railing. A citizen identified as Sara Murphy, was holding his right arm and trying to pull him off of the railing. Officer Lyons saw that the subject was pulling against Sara's weight. If the subject were to pull harder than Sara, or if Sara lost her grip, the subject would likely lose his balance and fall off of the bridge.

Officer Lyons used a straight arm bar takedown and pulled the subject to the sidewalk. The subject was very intent on committing suicide and he began to struggle violently in an attempt to break away from the officers. He was screaming that he wanted to be left alone to kill himself. The subject became assaultive as he worked to defeat the Neck Restraint by trying to pull Officer Lyons' arm away from his neck. Officer Lyons escalated the Neck Restraint to a level 2, rendering the subject unconscious. He was taken into custody without further incident and taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center for a mental health evaluation. He continued to scream and cry that he just wanted to die and he should be left alone to do so.

After speaking to the officers and reviewing the incident report, it is clear that had Sara Murphy and Officer Lyons not responded as they did, the subject would have committed suicide.

Officer Lyons was issued the Lifesaving Bar, to be worn on his uniform.

He received his Lifesaving Medal at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2009.

