In the morning hours of August 6, 2009, Officer Jeff Graves came upon a young man who was down on the ground at a bus stop. He immediately stopped to ascertain the problem. He checked the man’s vital signs and determined that the man’s heart had stopped. Officer Graves immediately began CPR. After several minutes, he detected a faint heart beat. Officer Graves continued to monitor the man until medics arrived.

Officer Snyder advised that Officer Graves had just stopped CPR when he arrived because Officer Graves was detecting a weak heart beat following the application of CPR. The medics advised that when they arrived, the man was still not breathing on his own but did have a return of a weak and thready pulse. They advised that seconds count in situations like this and because Officer Graves started CPR a minute or two before the medics arrived, this young man’s life as saved.

It is clear that because of Officer Graves’ efforts, this citizen’s life was saved. Officer Graves was issued the Lifesaving Bar to be worn on his uniform. He will also be given the Lifesaving Medal at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February 2011.