



Letter of Award Lifesaving



To: Officer Todd Brownlee #478
From: Frank G. Straub, Chief of Police
Date: January 15, 2013
Re: Lifesaving Award

Recently Sgt. Braun nominated Officer Todd Brownlee and Officer Marie Rosenthal 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 the nomination, it was clear that both officers are most deserving of this award.

On November 2, 2012, Officer Brownlee and Officer Rosenthal were dispatched to a location in northwest Spokane on a report of a suicidal female. Upon arrival, Officer Rosenthal reported hearing a slightly muffled noise in the bathroom. They found a female in the bathtub with deep cuts to her arm. Officer Rosenthal immediately applied direct pressure to the wounds and continued with applied direct pressure until medics arrived. Officer Brownlee and Officer Rosenthal pulled the female out of the bathtub and placed her on the floor. Once the female had been transported to the hospital, the doctor advised that it was likely the female would have died if the officers had not made entry into the home, pulled her out of the bathtub and applied direct pressure to her wounds. The doctor stated, "Those officers deserve that award."

Officer Brownlee, you will be awarded the Lifesaving Medal and the uniform Lifesaving bar during the annual Employee Awards Ceremony on February 21, 2013. A copy of this document will be placed in your personnel file.

Frank G. Straub, Jr.
Interim Chief of Police