



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE
FRANK STRAUB, Ph.D.

Letter of Award

To: Officer Jake Jensen
From: Frank G. Straub, Jr., Chief of Police
Date: May 5, 2014
Re: Lifesaving Award

Officer Jake Jensen, recently Cpl. Cordis and Ofc. Jay Kernkamp nominated you for the Spokane Police Department's Lifesaving Award. The 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 your nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition.

The nomination stems from an incident on January 25, 2014 where your quick and decisive action while under pressure and circumstances saved the life of a man who had blown his own hand off with a homemade pyrotechnic and he was bleeding heavily. Officer Jensen had already applied one tourniquet and was asking for a second one. Within approximately 6 minutes of arriving you had put two tourniquets on, stopping the bleeding, and had Bushy ready for the ambulance to take to the hospital.

Paramedics from both the fire department and AMR commented that applying two tourniquets is exactly what they would have done. John Sieckowski from AMR said that with an arterial bleed someone can bleed out within 3-5 minutes. He believed that you, Ofc Jensen, saved the man's life by putting tourniquets on so quickly. Yvonne Mellick, a registered nurse in the trauma unit at Sacred Heart, said that stopping the bleeding did several things. It saved him from having to have transfusions along with keeping blood in the man's system saving him from possible brain damage due to the loss of blood to his brain; not to mention keeping him from going into shock. They were all very impressed and the man, despite being in his condition, was thankful for saving him.

Officer Jensen, you are being awarded the uniform Lifesaving Bar and will be awarded the Lifesaving Medal during the 2014 Annual Employee Awards Ceremony. A copy of this document will be placed in your department personnel file.

Frank G. Straub, Jr. Ph.D.
Chief of Police

