



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

LETTER OF AWARD

To: Ofc. Kyle Heuett
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: January 31, 2017
Re: Lifesaving Award

Officer Heuett, recently, Sergeant Glenn Bartlett 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. Sgt. Bartlett wrote:

"On the evening of Monday, November 21, 2016, dispatch advised of a male who had attempted suicide by hanging. Officer Heuett was on an unrelated call in the same area and heard the broadcast. He responded to the address and contacted distraught family members who were attempting to start C.P.R.

Officer Heuett immediately assessed the victim and determined he was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Within seconds of arrival Officer Heuett began C.P.R. while providing guidance to family members and responding officers on how to assist with lifesaving measures.

The victim was in a small bedroom making it difficult to perform C.P.R. Officer Heuett quickly moved the victim into the living room where he could effectively continue with C.P.R. After doing C.P.R. for nearly three minutes, Spokane Fire Department personnel arrived, eventually relieving Officer Heuett and continuing life saving measures. Spokane Fire Department personnel were able to establish a pulse and the victim was transported to the hospital.

Lt. Hill of Spokane Fire Station 1 commented that the time Officer Heuett was performing C.P.R. was critical to saving the victim's life, explaining that there are just a few minutes to save someone's life once their heart stops. SFD Battalion Chief Bruce Moline advised that Officer Heuett's evaluation and immediate decision to start C.P.R. was "key" to establishing a pulse and saving the man's life. Emergency Room Dr. Haggerty confirmed that Officer Heuett's actions "definitely contributed" to saving the man's life.

Several days later I contacted the attending nurse. She explained that the victim was doing "amazingly well" and that "the officer's actions" (Officer Heuett) saved the victim's life.

Based on statements from on-scene Spokane Fire Department personnel, the attending emergency room doctor and the attending nurse, it is clear that Officer Heuett is deserving of the Life Saving Award."

Ofc. Heuett, the Lifesaving Medal is being awarded to you for your heroic actions in the incident outlined above. You will be awarded the Lifesaving Medal during the Annual Employee Awards Ceremony in March 2017. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Craig Meidl
Chief of Police

