



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

**CRAIG N. MEIDL**  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE**

## LETTER OF AWARD

To: Ofc. Sue Mann  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Assistant Chief of Police  
Date: July 19, 2016  
Re: Lifesaving Award

Lt. Tracie Meidl recently 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.

Lt. Meidl wrote: "On May 31, 2016, at approximately 0951 hrs, SPD Senior Volunteer Ann Wriker, who had been sitting on a bench in the lobby of the Public Safety Building, fell to the floor. Officer Mann, Volunteer Bauer and SCSO Deputy Snyder immediately went to her and rendered aid, observing she was unconscious and making a "snoring sound". Volunteer Bauer checked for a pulse and was unable to find one. Deputy Snyder and Officer Mann retrieved an automated external defibrillator (AED). Deputy Snyder cut off clothing covering Wriker's chest and opened her airway while Officer Mann applied the AED pads. The AED advised there was no pulse and advised to clear and shock. Officer Mann pushed the shock button and Wriker's body responded by jumping slightly. The AED then advised to start CPR so Volunteer Bauer began compressions. The AED then advised to stop CPR and began to evaluate Wriker. Again, it announced to clear and shock the patient. Officer Mann pushed the shock button again; this time Wriker's body responded by opening the eyelids. The AED machine again stated to start CPR. Volunteer Bauer again began compressions. During the second round of compressions, Spokane Fire and AMR medical personnel arrived. The AED then advised to clear and shock the patient again. This time the medical personnel pushed the shock button and applied the third shock. The medical personnel then transported Wriker to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Dr. Ryan Schaefer later came to the Public Safety Building to gather information from the AED. Dr. Schaefer stated that the immediate intervention and action of Officer Mann, Senior Volunteer Bauer and Deputy Snyder saved Ann Wriker's life.

These circumstances were not only unusual; this was the first time any employee has used a Spokane Police Department AED in an attempt to save a life."

In a letter of appreciation from the chair of the Spokane County EMS Council and the medical program director of Spokane County EMS, they wrote "Please express our appreciation to Officer Mann and SPD Volunteer Bauer for a job well done. It is our hope that their example will be an inspiration to others to respond to the scene of cardiac arrests when duty allows. The CPR provided and the AED placed made a miracle happen in this case."

Ofc. Mann, 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 February 2017. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Meidl".

Craig Meidl  
Assistant Chief of Police

