



# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION SECTION

Congratulations to the Recipients of Department Awards for  
the Week of 15 MAR 2021.

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Star#	Unit	Award	Award #	
1.	Sergeant	Echevarria	Edmund	2371	384	Life Saving Award	8107561
2.	Marine Officer	Hitney	Kevin	8550	059	Life Saving Award	8107561
3.	Police Officer	Adair	Kenneth	4145	353	Life Saving Award	8107561
4.	Sergeant	Patel	Hitesh	1534	138	Life Saving Award	8119422
5.	Police Officer	Clapa	Grzegorz	16593	016	Life Saving Award	8122851
6.	Police Officer	Ortiz	Michelle	2881	025	Life Saving Award	8122851
7.	Police Officer	Stodulski	Kamil	19157	025	Life Saving Award	8122851
8.	Police Officer	Wlodkowski	Dariusz	10165	025	Life Saving Award	8122851
9.	Police Officer	Said	Wasim	15567	124	Life Saving Award	8125340
10.	Police Officer	Karwatka	Mark	19557	019	Life Saving Award	8130111
11.	Police Officer	Sikora	Matthew	16135	019	Life Saving Award	8130111
12.	Sergeant	Cravens	Daniel	973	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
13.	Police Officer	Boegen	John	11028	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
14.	Police Officer	Cobarrubias	Mark	10768	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
15.	Police Officer	Conforti	Angeline	8979	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
16.	Police Officer	Mendoza	James	15905	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
17.	Police Officer	Moore	Christopher	7126	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
18.	Police Officer	Varelas	Orlando	19626	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
19.	Police Officer	Witulski	Todd	15592	001	Life Saving Award	8137533
20.	Sergeant	Delaney	Ryan	1195	001	Life Saving Award	8137698
21.	Police Officer	Borisy	Sean	11207	001	Life Saving Award	8137698
22.	Police Officer	Hess	Shaina	4395	001	Life Saving Award	8137698
23.	Police Officer	Schaefer	Scott	19257	001	Life Saving Award*	8137698
24.	Police Officer	Swanson	Delilah	13674	001	Life Saving Award	8137698
25.	Police Officer	Aceves	Luis	19606	001	Life Saving Award	8137934
26.	Police Officer	Schaefer	Scott	19257	001	Life Saving Award*	8138875



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27.	Field Training Ofc.	Pawlowski	Carl	18585	001	Life Saving Award	8139239
28.	Police Officer	McMahon	Kylee	13044	001	Life Saving Award	8139239
29.	Police Officer	Lopez	Irving	5485	001	Life Saving Award	8139587
30.	Police Officer	Moriarty	Patrick	19347	001	Life Saving Award	8139587
31.	Police Officer	Alvarez	Ruby	3022	001	Life Saving Award	8139762
32.	Police Officer	Camacho	Rodolfo	4623	001	Life Saving Award	8139762
33.	Police Officer	Schaefer	Scott	19257	001	Life Saving Award*	8139886
34.	Police Officer	Youmara	Lyle	17494	001	Life Saving Award	8139886
35.	Police Officer	Georgopolis	George	6690	001	Life Saving Award	8140056
36.	Police Officer	Joyce	Michael	6870	001	Life Saving Award	8140056
37.	Field Training Ofc.	Bakopoulos	John	12689	015	Life Saving Award	8141867
38.	Police Officer	Jelesnianski	Michael	18576	011	Life Saving Award	8141867

*\*Denotes multiple awards of the same type received during this ceremony*



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### **Life Saving Award #8107561 is presented to Sergeant Edmund Echevarria, Marine Officer Kevin Hitney, and Police Officer Kenneth Adair**

- On 18 Mar 2016, Marine Vessel M-7 officers responded to a call of a person in the water.
- M-7's dive team went into action deploying two divers to perform a surface rescue.
- The M-7 team immediately starting CPR and continued until a pulse was gained and CFD equipment arrived.

### **Life Saving Award #8119422 is presented to Sergeant Hitesh Patel**

- On 08 Dec 2020, Sergeant Patel responded to a call of a person with a knife and he observed a subject lying on his back with blood on his clothing as a result of a self-inflicted wound.
- Sergeant Patel observed that the subject to be in possession of two knives and Sgt. Patel used his de-escalation skills and convinced the subject to drop the knives.
- The subject was transported to a hospital for a medical and psychological evaluation.

### **Life Saving Award #8122851 is presented to Police Officers Grzegorz Clapa, Michelle Ortiz, Kamil Stodulski, and Dariusz Wlodkowski**

- On 18 Jul 2020, Officers Clapa, Stodulski, Ortiz and Wlodkowski came across a residence engulfed in flames.
- The Officers immediately began evacuating residents from the building.
- Due to the extreme heat officer Wlodowski suffered 1st degree burns.
- The Officers courageous actions saved the lives of eight citizens.

### **Life Saving Award #8125340 is presented to Police Officer Wasim Said**

- Off-Duty Police Officer Said observed an auto accident which caused the driver a severe arterial bleed in his arm.
- Officer Said utilized a belt as a tourniquet to stop the driver's profuse bleeding and was immediately transported to the hospital.
- The Officer's quick response undoubtedly saved the victim's life.



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### **Life Saving Award #8130111 is presented to Police Officers Mark Karwatka and Matthew Sikora**

- On 03 May 2019, Officers Sikora and Karwatka were dispatched to a call of threatening suicide involving a subject attempting to jump over the banister.
- The Officers took immediate action and pulled the subject back onto the stairway.
- The subject was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

### **Life Saving Award #8137533 is presented to Sergeant Daniel Cravens; Police Officers Orlando Varelas, Mark Cobarrubias, Christopher Moore, John Boegen, James Mendoza, Angeline Conforti, and Todd Witulski**

- On 05 Jun 2020, members of the 162 team responded to a shot spotter call and observed a crashed vehicle with a single occupant in driver's seat.
- The engine area of the crashed vehicle had caught on fire and the occupant was unable to extract himself from the vehicle due to his foot being stuck between driver's side door and a guardrail.
- Sergeant Cravens and the Officers coordinated an effort to push the car away from guardrail by bending the guardrail back and opened the car door to free the occupant while Officer Boegen utilized a fire extinguisher to slow the spread of the flames.
- This effort succeeded in freeing the occupant before the car was engulfed in flames, and undoubtedly saved the life of the vehicle passenger.

### **Life Saving Award #8137698 is presented to Sergeant Ryan Delaney, Police Officers Scott Schaefer, Delilah Swanson, Sean Borisy, and Shaina Hess**

- On 18 Jun 2020, Officer Schaefer and Officer Swanson were approached by three individuals in a SUV and informed the officers that one of their passengers was shot.
- The Officers observed that the victim was bleeding profusely from the left upper arm.
- Officer Schaefer applied direct pressure to the wound, Officer Swanson used the C-Tourniquet and applied it above the victim's wound until the bleeding stopped.
- The victim was transported to the hospital and survived as a result of the Officers lifesaving actions.

### **Life Saving Award #8137934 is presented to Police Officer Luis Aceves**

- On 14 Feb 2020, Officer Aceves was a recruit at that time when he was on his way home from the CPD Academy and observed a victim lying on the ground exhibiting signs of cardiac arrest.



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- Officer Aceves had just completed CPR training and immediately administered chest compressions until EMS arrived.
- The victim was transported to the hospital where his condition was stabilized, which demonstrated the prime example of the quality of officers the CPD Academy has produced through its training.

## **Life Saving Award #8138875 is presented to Police Officer Scott Schaefer**

- On 16 Aug 2020, Officer Schaefer responded to an overdose incident where the victim was receiving CPR compressions from the victim's brother as the victim was unconscious and not breathing.
- Officer Schaefer immediately began administering CPR, EMS paramedics administered NARCAN.
- The victim's medical condition was stabilized as a direct result of Officer Schaefer's lifesaving efforts.

## **Life Saving Award #8139239 is presented to Field Training Officer Carl Pawlowski and Police Officer Kylee McMahon**

- On 04 Sep 2020, Officers Pawlowski and McMahon responded to a call of a person shot and were soon flagged down by a taxi cab, who had a shot victim inside his vehicle.
- Officer Pawlowski immediately requested an ambulance to their location and Officer McMahon properly applied a tourniquet to the victim's right leg.
- The victim was transported to the hospital, where the E.R doctors stated that the application of the tourniquet saved the victim's life.

## **Life Saving Award #8139587 is presented to Police Officers Irving Lopez and Patrick Moriarty**

- On 16 Sep 2020, Officers Lopez and Moriarty responded to a check wellbeing call of a distraught subject at The Presidential Towers.
- The Officers located the subject on the 3rd floor parking garage after a systematic search of the building.
- The officers observed that the subject appeared under the influence of a substance, got closer to the railing lifting himself off of the ground in an attempt to jump over and off the building.
- The Officers courageously ran toward the subject and quickly brought the subject to safety.
- The Officers placed their own lives in danger to save the subject's life.



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### **Life Saving Award #8139762 is presented to Police Officers Ruby Alvarez and Rodolfo Camacho**

- On 15 Sep 2020, Officers responded to a hit and run accident where they learned that a truck lost control on the road, jumped the curb and struck a pedestrian.
- The officers observed that the victim had sustained a life threatening injury to her right leg; her femur was protruding from the leg and was losing large amounts of blood at a fast rate.
- Officer Camacho quickly applied his tourniquet above the victim's wound while Officer Alvarez coordinated with the Chicago Fire Department and kept the victim responsive through conversation.
- The victim was transported to hospital, where the E.R. Doctor stated that the Officers decisive actions saved the victim's life.

### **Life Saving Award #8139886 is presented to Police Officers Scott Schaefer and Lyle Youmara**

- On 30 Sep 2020, Officers Youmara and Schaefer responded to a person stabbed call and they discovered a victim that sustained three stab wounds to the chest and shoulder.
- Officer Youmara utilized his Quick Clot Combat Gauze and packed the wounds before applying pressure until the bleeding stopped. Officer Schaefer quickly coordinated with CFD and assisted in applying pressure to the victim's wounds.
- The victim was transported to the hospital where the E.R. Doctor informed the officers that their quick actions saved the victim's life.

### **Life Saving Award #8140056 is presented to Police Officers George Georgopolis and Michael Joyce**

- On 11 Aug 2020, Officers Joyce and Georgopolis discovered an unconscious individual on the sidewalk exhibiting signs of cyanosis on his lips, eyelids, fingers, and did not appear to be breathing.
- The Officers requested EMS and placed the subject in the recovery position while performing a sternum rub to no avail. An initial dose of Narcan was administered and the Officers initiated CPR medical procedures.
- CFD paramedics dispensed a second dose of Narcan and the victim was transported to the hospital after a heartbeat was detected.
- Due to the Officers quick thinking, training and their commitment to the sanctity of human life a lethal overdose was prevented.



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**Life Saving Award #8141867 is presented to Field Training Officer John Bakopoulos and Police Officer Michael Jelesnianski**

- On 04 Jan 2021, Officers Bakopoulos and Jelesnianski observed a traffic crash.
- The Officers discovered that the driver suffered a gunshot wound to the neck.
- The Officers used trauma shears to remove the victim's clothing and applied quick clot to the victim's wounded neck.
- The victim was transported to the hospital and his medical condition was stabilized.
- The victim is alive today as a result of the Officers life-saving actions.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Ensuring recognition of those who, while in the commission of their duties, performed in an exemplary manner that contributed to the safety of the communities they serve.

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