

On June 20, 2010, Officer Dan Lesser responded to an address on north A street on a reported stabbing incident. Upon arriving on scene, he and another officer entered the resident to check for victims and attempted to locate the suspect.

Upon entering the kitchen area, Officer Lesser observed a stabbing victim lying on the floor in a large pool of blood. The victim was holding the left side of his neck and stated that he could “feel himself dying”. Officer Lesser looked at the victim’s wound and saw a hole in the left side of the victim’s neck which was bleeding profusely. Officer Lesser applied a Quick Clot bag to the victim’s wound and placed a towel over the Quick-Clot. He then advised the victim to keep pressure on the wound. Officer Lesser then advised medics to come in and expedite their response. Officer Lesser then finished a sweep of the house looking for the suspect.



Although Officer Lesser was clearing the house for the suspect, when he saw the severity of the victim’s injuries he decided to take immediate action. This was quick thinking by Officer Lesser, given the fact that the armed suspect was still thought to be in the house. An responding AMR Paramedic advised that the victim has suffered an arterial bleed in his neck and that the application of Quick-Clot likely saved his life.

It is clear that because of Officer Lesser’s efforts, this citizen’s life was saved. Officer Lesser was issued the Lifesaving Bar to be worn on his uniform. He will also be given the Lifesaving Medal at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February 2011.



The Lifesaving Award is given to department personnel who, by their immediate actions, have saved a human life under unusual and/or extraordinary circumstances.