

CORPORAL ROBBIE DASHIELL

On August 16, 2009, Corporal Robbie Dashiell responded to an apparent accidental shooting in northwest Spokane. A male shot himself in the hand and the bullet went through and struck his friend in the pelvis, causing him to bleed profusely. When Officer Mell Taylor arrived on scene, he observed Corporal Dashiell down on the kitchen floor with one of the shooting victims. Officer Taylor observed Corporal Dashiell open a packet of Quik Clot (a blood clotting sponge), which he had been carrying in his jumpsuit. Corporal Dashiell quickly applied the Quik Clot directly to the gunshot wound and applied pressure. The victim was unconscious, barely breathing, and his pulse faded away a couple of times, probably due to the lack of blood pressure.

Corporal Dashiell was able to maintain pressure until medical personnel arrived and the victim's blood pressure was able to be stabilized. The victim was then removed from the scene and rushed to the hospital where he immediately underwent surgery. Corporal Dashiell's quick actions by locating the victim's wound, applying the Quik Clot and stopping the bleeding was instrumental in saving the victim's life. The Fire Department also advised that the subject would have lost too much blood and would have died if not for Corporal Dashiell's quick thinking and action.



Corporal Dashiell received the Lifesaving Bar, to be worn on his uniform.

He will also be presented with the Lifesaving Medal at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony, in February 2010.



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