



**BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**LIFE SAVING AWARD**

**SERGEANT DREW GALLUPE**

On December 21, 2011 Sgt. Drew Gallupe responded to a serious motor vehicle crash on Burnham Street. The involved car had left the highway at a high speed with the driver's side door striking a tree. There were two trapped injured passengers with the operator being unresponsive and suffering from multiple injuries. The operator's arm was nearly severed and was bleeding heavily. During the rescue extrication the operator went into cardiac arrest as he was pulled from the wreckage. Sgt. Gallupe assisted with patient care and immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Sgt. Gallupe continued CPR as advanced medical care was being initiated and within minutes found that the patient had a pulse and breathing was restored. The patient was taken to a trauma center where he was admitted and later discharged after a lengthy stay. Sergeant Gallupe's immediate and competent care contributed to the life saving effort.

Sergeant Drew Gallupe is awarded the **"Life Saving Award"** in recognition of his First Responder critical care management and successful resuscitation of this victim of traumatic cardiac arrest.

*Chief Paul Fitzgerald*

*May 7, 2014*



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On November 23, 2012 Sgt. Drew Gallupe and Officer Jeffrey Veach responded to the American Legion Post on Porters Pass for the report of a 75 year-old adult male who had collapsed. Sgt. Gallupe arrived first and quickly assessed the patient as being unresponsive with breathing and pulse absent. Sgt. Gallupe immediately attached the defibrillator to the patient. After delivering a shock to the patient, Sgt. Gallupe immediately performed CPR and was assisted by Officer Veach who provided ventilations. After one cycle of CPR the patient's resuscitation and pulse were restored. The patient's breathing was labored and Officer Veach continued to assist with ventilations until EMS arrived and provided advanced cardiac care. The patient was transported to the Hospital of Central Connecticut and was later discharged home. A review of the AED data recorder showed that the patient had been in a pulseless rhythm. Sergeant Gallupe's quick arrival, accurate patient assessment, AED intervention coupled with Officer Veach's assistance with effective CPR and airway management saved the man's life.

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On the evening of June 24, 2013 Berlin Police responded to the Christian Lane overpass after receiving a report that a person might be attempting suicide by jumping off the bridge. Sergeant Drew Gallupe arrived on scene with three other officers and discovered that this person had climbed over a guardrail and was standing atop the steel support beams that attach the Route 9 sign to the bridge. Sergeant Gallupe saw that the person was moving towards the edge of the sign and appeared to be getting ready to jump into the traffic 25 feet below. Sergeant Gallupe recognized this person from previous calls for service and immediately began attempts to calm him and build a rapport. Sergeant Gallupe continued a dialogue with the man for almost 20 minutes. Ultimately, Sergeant Gallupe's intervention convinced the distraught man to abort his plan and enabled the sergeant to assist him back over to safety. EMS provided care and transportation of the despondent man to the Hospital of Central Connecticut. Sergeant Gallupe, a Crisis Intervention Team member, had completed his CIT training only a few weeks earlier and applied his new crisis intervention skills to this life and death situation that ended with the best results possible.

Sergeant Drew Gallupe is awarded the **"Life Saving Award"** in recognition of his CIT skills used to diffuse a suicidal man's desperate and deadly attempt to end his life.

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