

BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT LIFE SAVING AWARD

OFFICER BRANDON LAGUEUX

On April 25, 2013 Officers Lagueux and Cruickshank responded to Rogers Market Place for the report of a 79 year-old adult male who had fallen inside the store's front vestibule. The E-911 caller reported that the man was unresponsive and gasping for air. Officers Lagueux and Cruickshank arrived quickly and began resuscitation after Officer Lagueux assessed for vital signs and found none. Officer Cruickshank began CPR while Officer Lagueux attached the defibrillator to the patient. The defibrillator indicated a pulseless rhythm and Officer Lagueux delivered a shock with the immediate resumption of CPR and the insertion of an airway device by Officer Cruickshank. After two minutes of aggressive resuscitation the AED indicated that another shock was advised and delivered by Officer Lagueux. During another round of CPR the patient responded to the defibrillation and CPR and spontaneous pulses were found. Officer Cruickshank continued to support the patient's airway and breathing until arrival of EMS who then provided advanced cardiac care. The patient was transported to the Hospital of Central Connecticut and was later discharged. A review of the AED data recorder showed that the patient had been in a pulseless rhythm. Officers Lagueux and Cruickshank's quick arrival, accurate patient assessment, AED intervention, airway management and efficient teamwork saved the man's life.

Officer Brandon Lagueux is awarded the "Life Saving Award" in recognition of his First Responder critical care management and successful resuscitation of this victim of sudden cardiac arrest.



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On January 2, 2014 midnight shift Officers Thompson, Lagueux and Veach investigated and arrested a serial burglary suspect while responding to an activated alarm at BriAry Hair Salon on Deming Road. The career burglar had forced entry into a vacant adjoining business overnight and had tunneled through a wall to avoid the salon's alarm system. The suspect set off a motion detector and attempted to escape before police arrival. Officer Veach followed the suspect's footprints in fresh snow and located evidence some distance away from the burglary. Officer Veach alerted Officers Thompson and Lagueux of the suspect's last known direction. Officer Thompson located the suspect who resisted arrest while being taken into custody. Officer Lagueux quickly arrived and assisted Officer Thompson in controlling and handcuffing the struggling burglar. The suspect was a fugitive with an extraditable warrant for parole violation, a lengthy criminal history and was identified as the chief suspect in six similar salon burglaries from September – December 2013 in Newington, Connecticut. His capture put an end to his crime spree.

In recognition of his performance of duties in this investigation, Officer Brandon Lagueux is awarded the **Department Service Award**.

Chief Paul Fitzgerald

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