



## **BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **LIFE SAVING AWARD**

#### **OFFICER BRIAN DUMAIS**

On November 3, 2013 Officers Brian Dumais and Jeffrey Simkulak responded to the Imperial Restaurant on the Berlin Turnpike for a report of a man choking. Upon their arrival an Imperial Restaurant employee was performing CPR on an 88 year-old man. Given the witnessed cardiac arrest event Officer Brian Dumais immediately applied the defibrillator to the man and was given the shock advisory. After delivering a shock Officer Dumais assessed the patient and resumed cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Moments later Officer Simkulak arrived to assist in the resuscitation effort and managed the patient's airway and breathing. CPR was continued for several more minutes with the AED indicating twice more to shock the patient. After the third shock was delivered resuscitation was continued until a spontaneous pulse was detected. The patient's airway and breathing was assisted until EMS arrived and provided advanced cardiac care and transportation to the Hospital of Central Connecticut where he was transferred to the cardiac care unit in stable condition. A review of the AED data recorder showed that the patient had been in a pulseless rhythm. Officers Dumais and Simkulak's quick arrival, accurate patient assessment, AED intervention, airway management and efficient teamwork saved the man's life.

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

*Chief Paul Fitzgerald*

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