

# *Life Saving Award*

*Craig Police Department*

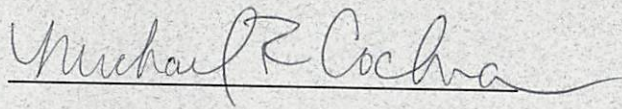
*Awarded to:*

*Officer Nate Baker*


*For outstanding police performance in the saving of a human life, the most precious of our duties. Your display of conspicuous initiative, capability, and attention to duty has proven to be unmeasurable.*

*The act you performed on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, shows your selfless dedication to the Citizens of Craig and your department.*

*Awarded this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.*



*Chief of Police*



*Commander*





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## LIFESAVING AWARD

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To: Chief Cochran  
From: Sergeant Caudell  
Ref: Request for Recognition  
Date: 03/02/2025

Chief Cochran:

I am submitting this request on behalf of Officer Wacie Laabs and Officer Nathan Baker.

On 06/15/2024 at approximately 0312hrs, Officer Laabs and Officer Baker were dispatched to a male bleeding in the 400 blk of Russell St. When they arrived, a male party exited the residence and had fresh blood smeared on his torso. The male was holding a towel on his left wrist in an attempt to stop the bleeding. When he removed the towel to show officers the wound, it began to spurt blood, consistent with an arterial bleed.

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Based upon the above information Officer Laabs and Officer Baker should receive the lifesaving award.

Respectfully,

Dalton Caudell  
Patrol Sergeant

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**Michael R. Cochran**  
Chief of Police

**Douglas J. Conrad**  
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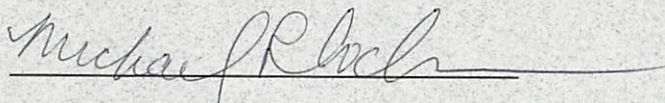
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*Chief of Police*

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*Commander*





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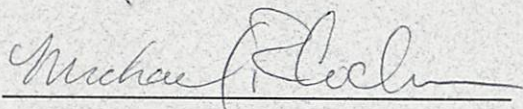
*Awarded to:*

*Sergeant Brian Soper*

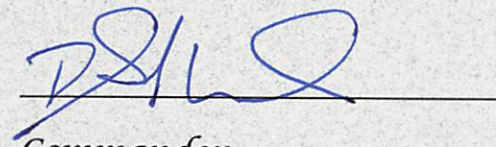
*For outstanding police performance in the saving of a human life, the most precious of our duties. Your display of conspicuous initiative, capability, and attention to duty has proven to be unmeasurable.*

*The act you performed on February 23rd 2025, shows your selfless dedication to the Citizens of Craig and your department.*

*Awarded this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Fleck", written over a horizontal line.

*Chief of Police*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Soper", written over a horizontal line.

*Commander*





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Chief Cochran:

I am submitting this request on behalf of Sgt. Brian Soper.

On 02/23/2025 at approximately 0053hrs, Sgt. Soper was dispatched to the 400blk of Yampa Ave for a male party that was bleeding. He was in the area and arrived on scene quickly.

When Sgt. Soper arrived, he observed a male party that was bleeding profusely from an injury to his right arm. From the amount of blood visible in Sgt. Soper's Body Worn Camera footage, it appears obvious the male was likely only a few minutes away from bleeding to death. Multiple bystanders were on scene with the male, and 2 citizens had removed their belts and fashioned makeshift tourniquets out of them. Despite their efforts, the male was still bleeding profusely from the injury to his arm.

Sgt. Soper retrieved a CAT tourniquet and applied it to the male's arm, effectively stopping the bleeding. The male was transported emergent to MRH by EMS and taken into surgery.

It was later determined that the male had severed an artery in his right forearm. Without Sgt. Soper's quick thinking in utilizing a tourniquet to stop the bleeding, the male would have likely died.

Based upon the above information Sgt. Soper should receive the lifesaving award.

Respectfully,

Dalton Caudell  
Patrol Sergeant

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Chief of Police

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