

Life Saving Award

Craig Police Department

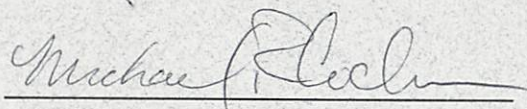
Awarded to:

Sergeant Brian Soper

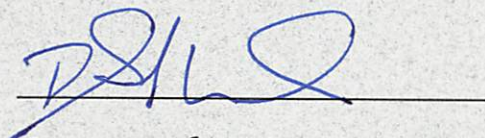
For outstanding police performance in the saving of a human life, the most precious of our duties. Your display of conspicuous initiative, capability, and attention to duty has proven to be unmeasurable.

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

Awarded this 25th 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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LIFESAVING AWARD

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

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

Michael R. Cochran
Chief of Police

Douglas J. Conrad
Commander