



USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: USF POLICE CORPORAL RECEIVES LIFESAVING AWARD

On December 6, 2012, at approximately 9:20 am, the University of South Florida Police Department dispatch center received a 911 call pertaining to a female who was found not breathing in the lobby of the USF ROTC building. Corporal Ed Lutz was on scene within sixteen seconds of being dispatched on the call. Corporal Lutz found members of the community attempting to clear the airway of the person who had reportedly choked. When it was determined that the subject was not breathing, abdominal thrusts were continued while Corporal Lutz attempted to provide rescue breaths. At this time the airway still appeared to be obstructed and no pulse could be detected. Corporal Lutz advised to begin CPR as he attached the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the patient. CPR was continued and Corporal Lutz continued to attempt to deliver rescue breaths. After the AED evaluated the patient's condition, it advised to continue CPR. After this cycle of chest compressions Corporal Lutz was able to successfully deliver rescue breaths. Soon thereafter, Tampa Fire Rescue (TFR) arrived on scene and relieved Corporal Lutz and the others. While TFR was tending to the patient, the AED attached by Corporal Lutz advised responders to stop CPR and administer a shock. The shock was administered at which point the patient began breathing. The patient was transported to Florida Hospital where she was stabilized.

On July 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm USF Police Corporal Ed Lutz was presented with the USF Police Department Meritorious Lifesaving Award. The Meritorious Lifesaving Award is given to recognize an act of quick and knowledgeable responsiveness and valiant effort in attempting to sustain or revive a life. Also present at the ceremony was the patient, Cheryl Hudson, and her husband Fred



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Hudson. Ms. Hudson was also recognized for her strength and courage in doing her part to fight for her life.

Cpl. Lutz is not new to law enforcement or emergency response. In addition to his service with the USF Police Department, Cpl. Lutz is a former Fire Chief and retired NYPD police officer. All of this experience and dedication aided in his quick and knowledgeable response that day.



Corporal Lutz Receives the Meritorious Lifesaving Award from Captain Klingebiel

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Corporal Lutz with Cheryl and Fred Hudson