



Lifesaving Bar – Officers Jeremy Walker, Matt Gardner & John Tullis

Mesquite, TX – April 18, 2016 – The Lifesaving Bar may be awarded to any police employee for the saving of a human life or for prolonging their life to the extent that the victim was released to the care of medical authorities.

On February 11, 2016, School Resource Officers Walker and Gardner were advised that a North Mesquite High School student was standing inches from the edge of the second floor roof and threatening to jump. Once Officers Walker and Gardner were on the roof they were joined by Officer John Tullis. As Officers Walker and Gardner were talking to the student he continued to move closer to the edge of the building while looking down and turning his head from side to side. At this time, the officers decided to come up with a plan to distract the student. Officer Gardner moved to the right of the student while Officers Walker and Tullis stayed behind and to the left of him. As Officer Gardner was talking to the student both officers were able to tackle the student to the ground and away from the edge of the building. For his safety he was placed in protective custody.

The Mesquite Police Department is proud to recognize Officers Jeremy Walker, Matt Gardner and John Tullis with the Lifesaving Bar.