



Lifesaving Bar – Officers Alex Fraire & Chris Odom

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 April 12, 2015, the Mesquite Police Department received a 9-1-1 call regarding a shooting in progress in the 2100 block of Catskill. Officer Odom arrived at the location seconds later and observed a teenage male in the alley behind the location with a gunshot wound to his temple. The subject was non-responsive, motionless, covered in blood and not breathing.

Officer Odom checked the victim's pulse and couldn't find one; he found a shirt near the victim and used it to make a pressure dressing for the wound. Officer Odom then began CPR until Officer Fraire arrived and took over the compression part of CPR. Officer Odom applied pressure to the gunshot wound. Mesquite Fire Department arrived and took over CPR. The victim was transported to the hospital where they established a heartbeat. Officer Odom and Fraire initiated emergency lifesaving procedures that enabled medical personnel to attempt additional life saving measures even though the victim died at a later time.

The Mesquite Police Department is proud to recognize Officers Alex Fraire and Chris Odom with the Lifesaving Bar.