




**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	February 4, 2025
TITLE	Presentation of Lifesaving Medals to Officer Luke Shaffer, Officer Dominic Cotroneo and Communications Dispatcher Jacquelyn West, and Distinguished Service Medals to Firefighter Brendan Randall, On Call Firefighter Jason Dwyer and On Call Firefighter Joel Eisler.
DIVISION	Public Safety
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APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

Join in the Special Presentation to present Lifesaving Medals to Officer Luke Shaffer, Officer Dominic Cotroneo and Communications Dispatcher Jacquelyn West, and Distinguished Service Medals to Firefighter Brendan Randall, On Call Firefighter Jason Dwyer and On Call Firefighter Joel Eisler.

BACKGROUND

The Lifesaving Award may be awarded to persons who have acted in the furtherance of human life. It may be awarded based on the following criteria:

- (a) May be awarded to any person directly involved in the action.
- (b) The action shall be exceptional and in emergency and/or extraordinary conditions.
- (c) Use of tactical skills or verbal approaches to de-escalate a situation that has the potential for a deadly force outcome may be considered if the outcome results in sustaining human life.
- (d) An act of CPR or other approved lifesaving measure will only constitute recognition under the Lifesaving Award if, in fact, a life was saved.
- (e) The Lifesaving Award shall be silver with a red and white ribbon.

The Distinguished Service Medal is the Department's third highest award. It may be awarded to employees who distinguish themselves, either by performing a single act that is outstanding, or by performing a series of actions that are outstanding, often over a consistent period. The Distinguished Service Medal differs from the Medal of Merit in that:

- (a) Generally, there was no immediate threat to the employee's life or safety
- (b) In the case of outstanding service, it will be awarded for a somewhat lesser degree of achievement.
- (c) Whereas the Medal of Merit recipient shall have contributed greatly to the overall operation of the Department, the Distinguished Service Medal may have impacted a smaller portion of the Department's Operation.
- (d) The Distinguished Service Medal is a higher honor than a commendation. Generally, the recipient

of the Distinguished Service Medal will combine a particular outstanding action with a consistently high level of performance.

(e) The Distinguished Service Medal shall be silver with a green ribbon.

ANALYSIS

Lifesaving Medals will be presented to:

Communications Dispatcher Jacquelyn West

Officer Dominic Cotroneo

Officer Luke Shaffer

Incident on 9/16/2024

At approximately 3:00am, Communications Dispatcher Jacquelyn West received a 911 call from a male victim in the middle of the roadway on Fairmont Drive suffering from a gunshot wound to the face. Although the victim was difficult to understand, Dispatcher West obtained the necessary information quickly to initiate a rapid response from Officers Dominic Cotroneo and Austin Leonard.

When Officer Dominic Cotroneo arrived at the scene he immediately applied pressure to the gunshot wound and attempted to calm the victim. Without Officer Cotroneo's actions, it is possible the victim would have bled to death.

Incident on 10/4/2024

Officer Luke Shaffer was flagged to assist in a motorcycle accident in Brentwood. He quickly deployed and applied an issued tourniquet. Officer Shaffer's efforts controlled the bleeding, and the victim was transferred to the hospital in critical condition. A sergeant from the Brentwood Police Department later called to relay that he and his patrol team were very impressed with Officer Shaffer's efforts and action in deploying lifesaving tools and applying it quickly and skillfully in order to control the bleeding and provide the victim with the best chance of survival.

Distinguished Service Medals will be presented to:

Firefighter Brendan Randall

On Call Firefighter Jason Dwyer

On Call Firefighter Joel Eisler

Incident on 10/18/2024

At around 1:30pm a vegetation fire broke out on Keller Rd. in Oakland. The Oakland Fire Department made quick access but with Red Flag warnings in effect, conditions rapidly worsened in which the fire grew and went to multiple alarm assignments with structures threatened in the Oakland Hills. The East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department was requested to respond after the 2nd alarm was dispatched.

Among the resources requested was our Type 6 engine (5681) staffed on a Red Flag warning day with Firefighter Brendan Randall and On Call Firefighters Jason Dwyer and Joel Eisler. They were assigned to assist with structure protection and made quick access to Altura Place where structures were threatened by fire. Once 5681 made it up to a safe area, Firefighter Randall instructed OCFs

Dwyer and Eisler to pull hose lines out and immediately start fighting the fire.

The diligent work of 5681 gaining access to the neighborhood on Altura Place saved that community from losing any homes.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

None