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EMPLOYEE'S NAME: Officer E. Blodgett

IBM#: 2003

PLATOON: 1st

DATE: 9/12/2023

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Had it not been for the immediate response and life saving measures taken by



Officer Sime and Officer Blodgett, it is very likely that this incident would have resulted in one, if not two, deceased drowning patients.

Reference CR# 2023-12626

*E. Cave* ~~MTA~~ *CE*

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## *Memorandum*

**To:** *Awards Committee*  
**CC:** *Chief Cuzzupoli and Lieutenant Wheat*  
**From:** *Sergeant Scott Korn*  
**Date:** *9/14/2023*  
**Subject:** *Ofc. Blodgett Life Saving Award*

Awards Committee,

This memorandum is in response to the Life Saving Award Nomination for Ofc. Blodgett for his actions on 9/10/2023 as detailed in the nomination cover page.

Ofc. Blodgett was truly the epitome of a first responder in this incident. Ofc. Blodgett was the first officer to pull up to the scene, the first to take action, help pull a patient from the water, give CPR, give NarCan, and the first to update EMS crews with the patient status just before the ambulance sped off to the hospital. I'm sure Ofc. Blodgett was the first officer to get back to work also, shrugging this heroic act off as, "just another call."

Well let me be the first to say that this was not just another average call and Ofc. Blodgett is not just another average cop. Ofc. Blodgett is a man with many talents and skill sets that make him perfectly equipped to handle a situation like this one; he has EMT training, is a former ARMY soldier, has instructed CPR classes, dispatched ambulance crews, and worked with every emergency service field you can think of. Ofc. Blodgett brought all of his experience and training to the right place at the right time that night. Because of Ofc. Blodgett's unselfish and heroic act, a young man's life was saved.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Scott Korn





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EMPLOYEE'S NAME: Officer J. Sime

IBM#: 4027

PLATOON: 3rd

DATE: 9/12/2023

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Cove", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the name are several vertical, parallel lines, likely representing a rank insignia, followed by a large, stylized flourish.

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**Subject:** *Ofc. Sime Life Saving Award*

Awards Committee,

This memorandum is in response to the Life Saving Award Nomination for Ofc. Sime for his actions on 9/10/2023 as detailed in the nomination cover page.

Ofc. Sime is always referred to as a K9 officer; "The cop with the dog" is what people usually say when they can't pronounce or don't remember his name. Ofc. Sime, although proud to be a K9 cop alongside Brock, has worked hard to dismiss the idea that he can only do one thing well. Ofc. Sime has taken martial arts classes and works out on a regular basis, he trains with other police agencies to improve tactics, investigates complex cases, writes tickets, became an instructor for many different topics, makes arrests, and helps people in their time of need. Ofc. Sime is in an endless pursuit to better himself and those around him.

All of this hard work that Ofc. Sime has put in really shines in moments like this when all of the pieces come together. Ofc. Sime was poised and ready to dangle off a canal wall to grab a drowning, unresponsive stranger all while another officer held him only by his belt. Not only did Ofc. Sime save this male but as soon as the male was being cared for he rushed to save a female that was treading water further down the canal. The female was thrown a life preserver and pulled onto shore. Both of these strangers are with their loved ones tonight because of Ofc. Sime and the work he puts in both on and off the job. Ofc. Sime is not only a good K9 officer, he has made himself into a great cop.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Scott Korn





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Name: Clarence J. Carithers

IBM#: \_\_\_\_\_

Platoon \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/10/2023

**Narrative:**

On the evening of September 10, 2023, citizen Clarence J. Carithers, was enjoying a night out in downtown Brockport. At approximately 12:52 a.m. Clarence heard a commotion which turned out to be multiple bystanders calling for help after witnessing Jason Newcomb, fall into the canal and was now not alert. Struggling to assist Jason Newcomb was Melanie Schwab who was also in the water in distress after striking her head on the concrete canal embankment. As Officer Sime and Officer Blodgett arrived on scene, Clarence immediately jumped into action. Without request or hesitation, Clarence assisted Officer Sime and Officer Blodgett by pulling Jason Newcomb out of the canal over the concrete embankment. First responders began life saving measures on Jason who was not conscious. Melanie Schwab was still in the canal clinging to a life buoy. Clarence, Officer Sime, and Officer Vadas jumped back into action and began to pull Melanie



from the water. Both Melanie and Jason were transported to Strong Memorial Hospital. Jason was transported in critical condition, and Melanie was suffering from a concussion.

Clarence's swift, heroic, and selfless actions led to a successful rescue which resulted in both patients making a full recovery.

Sgt. R. Hansen RJ

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**Name:** Melanie M. Schwab

**IBM#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Platoon** \_\_\_\_\_

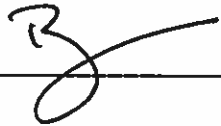
**Date:** 9/10/2023

**Narrative:**

On the evening of September 10, 2023, citizen Melanie Schwab, was enjoying a night out in downtown Brockport. At approximately 12:52 a.m. Melanie's friend Jason Newcomb, fell into the canal and was not alert. Melanie had knowledge that Jason could not swim and immediately jumped into the canal in an attempt to save him. While doing so, Melanie struck her head on the concrete canal embankment resulting in a concussion. Melanie was screaming for help while keeping Jason afloat who was now face down in the water, not alert. Officers arrived on scene and provided Melanie with rescue floatation devices and managed to pull Jason from the water. Melanie was also removed from the water while life saving measures were taking place to resuscitate Jason. Both Melanie and Jason were transported to Strong Memorial Hospital. Jason was transported in critical condition, and Melanie was suffering from a concussion.



Melanie's swift, heroic, and selfless actions led to a successful rescue. Jason, who was removed from the canal, not conscious, and not breathing was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital where he later made a full recovery.

SGT. R. HAGEN 

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## Man and Woman Rescued After Man Fell Into the Canal

*Brockport, NY. – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:52 AM, The Brockport Police Department was dispatched to the area of Queen Street and Clinton Street for the report of someone whom had fallen into the canal. Brockport Officer Evan Blodgett and Officer Joshua Sime arrived on scene in less than a minute after being dispatched and could hear screaming coming from the south side of the canal just east of 48 Merchant Street. This is an area of the canal that has a concrete wall for an embankment. Officers rushed to the canal bank and observed a 34 year old woman, later identified as Melanie Schwab of Brockport whom was struggling to swim while screaming for help and yelling that her friend couldn't swim. Officers observed a motionless 33 year old male in the canal face down. This male was later identified as Jason Newcomb of Rochester. Officers Blodgett and Sime were able to pull Newcomb out of the water and over the embankment with the assistance of a helpful citizen, Clarence Carithers of Albion. After extracting Newcomb from the canal Officer Blodgett immediately began CPR while Officer Sime and additional responding Officers removed Melanie Schwab from the canal.

Both victims were transported to Strong Memorial Hospital. Newcomb was in critical condition, but expected to live. Schwab had a head injury and possible concussion.

Through follow up investigations Officers were able to learn that Newcomb and Schwab had walked over to the edge of the canal and were having a conversation. While standing on the concrete embankment Newcomb lost his balance and fell into the canal. Schwab knew that her friend could not swim and began screaming for help as Newcomb struggled to stay afloat. At this point Schwab jumped in the canal to try and save her friend. Schwab struck her head on the concrete embankment while attempting to push her friend out of the water and over the wall.

As of this writing both Newcomb and Schwab have been released from the Hospital and have made full recoveries. The Brockport Police recognize the bravery of Melanie Schwab and are grateful to Clarence Carithers for his help in removing Newcomb from the canal and saving a life.

For questions relative to the incident please contact Lt. Paul Wheat at 637-1020.

