

Lifesaving Awards



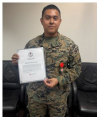
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Inspiring Stories by Region

A Cry for Help Answered in the Southern California Region

Marine Corporal Eduardo Garcia Lopez was honored with the Red Cross Certificate of Merit for his decisive action during a life-threatening emergency. Asleep in his apartment, Corporal Lopez was awakened by cries for help outside his door. He found a frantic woman outside carrying an unresponsive infant. He rushed to provide aid and calmly began CPR using his training. Within minutes, the child was breathing again. His training in Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED, composure and willingness to act made all the difference. Visit the region's [news page](#) to learn more about this remarkable response and the recognition it earned.



Marine Corporal Eduardo Garcia Lopez with the Certificate of Merit.

Working Together When Seconds Counted in the Illinois Region

Lifeguards Konnor Martin, Adam Gee and Olivia Killion were on duty when a 75-year-old swimmer started grabbing lane lines, showing signs of distress. They quickly responded, acting with calm coordination as they removed him from the water. He lost consciousness and stopped breathing so they began CPR and continued care until EMS arrived. Thanks to their training and teamwork, the man survived and made a full recovery. Visit the region's [Facebook page](#) to dive into the full story of this powerful rescue.



Lifeguards from the Springfield, Illinois Park District are presented a Lifesaving Award by a member of the local Red Cross chapter.

Ready to Respond When a Life Was on the Line in the Alabama and Mississippi Region

When Officer Cody Bolt received the Red Cross Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action, it recognized his actions when preparation made all the difference. Responding to a shooting in Lanett, Alabama, Officer Bolt applied a tourniquet to a severely bleeding teenager before EMS arrived, helping save the young man's life. The teen made a full recovery. Officer Bolt's calm, decisive response serves as a powerful reminder that in an emergency, preparedness matters when every second counts. To learn more about this lifesaving moment and its impact, visit the region's [news page](#).



Officer Cody Bolt (right) with members of the Red Cross Alabama and Mississippi Region.

Instructor Spotlight

Michael Lemke

Each month we recognize an Instructor whose student(s) have used their Red Cross Lifesaving training to save or sustain a life. This month we honor Michael Lemke, whose students, Konnor Martin, Adam Gee and Olivia Killion, were featured above. At Nelson Center Pool in Springfield, Illinois, the trio put skills learned through Red Cross Lifeguarding with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid training into action during an emergency. Guided by their training, they recognized a swimmer in distress, coordinated a rescue and performed CPR until the individual began breathing again. We extend our thanks to Michael for providing the quality training that prepared his students to take action when it mattered most.



Lifesaving Awards Vault

From the vault of the Citizen's Voice (Wilkes-Barre, PA), July 14, 2004

Jay Delaney earns American Red Cross lifesaving award

On this date in history, James Jay Delaney responded to a call about an unresponsive person. He ran down the street and saw a person lying on the sidewalk with several people around him. One bystander started rescue breathing while Delaney performed chest compressions. Together, they continued CPR until EMS arrived and transported the man to the hospital. Delaney said at his Lifesaving Award ceremony, "This illustrates how important CPR is; that if a person could take a short CPR class, they might save a person's life someday."



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Saving Lives Starts Here

If you or someone you know has used **skills** and **knowledge** learned in an American Red Cross Training Services course to help save or sustain a life, visit [LifesavingAwards.org](https://www.AmericanRedCross.org/LifesavingAwards) to nominate, recognize or be inspired.

Interactive Map of the Lifesaving Awards

Want to know if you have a local hero in your area? [Look at our map.](#)



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