

Lifesaving Awards



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Ready When Needed in the Idaho and Montana Region

When a driver in Boise suffered a serious medical emergency and slumped over in his car, Seth Dooley, trained in Red Cross CPR/AED, sprang into action. Drawing on his training, he assessed the victim, checked responsiveness, monitored breathing and pulse, safely repositioned the driver, administered back blows and cleared his airway. Seth kept him stable and as conscious as possible for nearly 20 minutes until first responders arrived. In recognition of his calm, decisive actions, he received the Certificate of Merit. Seth's experience is a powerful reminder that you never know when you'll be called upon to use skills you've learned. For an inspiring example of training put into action when it mattered most, read the full story on the region's [news page](#).



L to R: Red Cross of Idaho, Montana and East Oregon CEO Nicole Sisk Inaki; Staff Sgt. Seth Dooley, Red Cross of Idaho; East Oregon Board Chair Andy Marshall

Lifesaving Teamwork in Action in the Colorado and Wyoming Region

Lifeguards Terrence Micciche-Hall, Ian Jenner, Claire Tompkins and Gabriella Orizaba were honored with the Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders for their role in saving the life of an unresponsive swimmer. After the man was pulled from the water, Terrence quickly assessed him and found he had no pulse and was not breathing. Working seamlessly as a team, the lifeguards retrieved emergency equipment, called 911, provided CPR, managed the drowning person's airway and delivered a lifesaving AED shock before paramedics arrived. Their preparedness and teamwork helped give the man a second chance. Visit the region's [news page](#) for more detail on these remarkable heroes.



L to R: Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming Regional Chief Executive Officer Andrea Miller, Terrence Micciche-Hall, Ian Jenner and Claire Tompkins

From Spectator to Lifesaver in the Greater New York Region

When an emergency unfolded during the New York Knicks championship parade, off-duty volunteer EMT Simone Kelly stepped forward without hesitation. Recognizing the signs of an overdose, she yelled to the crowd for naloxone. When it was tossed to her, she administered it and provided care until first responders arrived, ultimately helping save a life. For her courage, quick thinking and compassion, the Red Cross honored her with the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action. Her story is a powerful reminder that one person can make a difference. Watch the [ceremony video](#) on our region's Facebook page and be inspired to act when it matters most.



Simone Kelly with the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action

Instructor Spotlight

Jess Joiner-Marshall

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 Jess Joiner-Marshall, who trained student Raey Zirotti in Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED. Raey noticed a thirteen-year-old boy who was choking. She quickly ran towards him and positioned herself to perform abdominal thrusts. After approximately three thrusts, the food was dislodged and the young man was able to breathe.



We extend our thanks to Jess for providing the quality training that prepared her student to take action when it mattered most.

Lifesaving Awards Vault

From the vault of The Sheboygan Press (Sheboygan, WI), October 19, 1961

On this date in history, two responders were presented with Lifesaving Awards for their heroics in rescuing swimmers in distress:



- Dale Slimmer dove from a high ledge into a quarry, swam 200 feet and pulled an 8-year-old boy to shore. He helped the boy cough up the water he had swallowed, after which the boy and his mother went home, suffering no ill effects.
- Separately, Fred Goettel, a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor® ran into the water where an 18-year-old youth was being brought to shore. Goettel started CPR. Color soon returned to the young man's face, and he began to show signs of consciousness before EMS arrived to take over care.



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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.redcross.org/lifesavingawards) to nominate them.

Map of the Lifesaving Awards

Want to know if you have a local hero in your area? Look at our maps: [United States](#) and [international locations](#).



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