



On August 9, 2025, Officer D. Lambert and Officer M. Couty were attending a community engagement event, "Cops & Bobber's," which is a fishing activity with kids & families at El Dorado Park East. While at the event, Officer Lambert was notified by a citizen that her boyfriend was having a seizure nearby where the event was taking place. Officer Lambert alerted Officer Couty to the medical emergency and they followed the citizen to where her boyfriend was located (approximately 100 yards away). Upon arriving, Officer Lambert and Couty determined that he was not conscious & not breathing. Officer Lambert determined he had no pulse. Observing there was a medical emergency taking place, Officer Couty activated EMS Services. Officers Lambert and Couty placed the victim into a supine position and immediately began CPR. After Officer Couty completed one cycle of CPR, Officer Lambert took over and continued CPR. Upon Officer Lambert taking over CPR, Officer Couty immediately ran back to where the event was taking place to retrieve an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and to also notify the event supervisors, Sergeant L. McCourt and Commander S. Benson, of the medical emergency. Sergeant McCourt immediately retrieved the AED from her patrol vehicle and along with Commander Benson, returned to Officer Lambert's location to continue providing emergency services to the victim. Upon arriving with the AED, Sergeant McCourt took over CPR from Officer Lambert. After Sergeant McCourt completed one cycle of CPR, Officer Lambert placed the defibrillator electrode pads onto the victims chest and activated the AED in order to conduct an analysis of their heart. When the AED advised that no shock was advised, CPR was continued. After one cycle, Sergeant McCourt relieved Officer Couty and continued CPR. At 1115 hours, Long Beach Fire Department Engine #7 Rescue #18 arrived on scene and took over providing emergency medical services. While on scene, LBFD was able to determine a pulse was reestablished. LBFD Rescue #8 then transported the victim to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for further medical treatment. Officer Lambert and Couty followed Rescue #18 to the hospital. Upon



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arrival to Long Beach Memorial Emergency Room, the patient was treated by Emergency Physician Dr. Anthony Arguija and Charge Nurse RN Omar Ezpinoza. Long Beach Memorial medical staff were able to stabilize the patient in the emergency room and later admitted him to ICU in critical condition after suffering a cardiac arrest. While on at the hospital, Officers Lambert and Couty were informed by the treating medical staff that early CPR intervention likely saved the 71 year old victims life.

I would now like to invite Long Beach Police Chief Wally Hebeish to present Officer Michael Couty, Sergeant Lisa McCourt, and Officer Darrell Lambert with certificates of Extraordinary Personal Action and honorary pins.

Chief Hebeish, would you like to say a few words?

Chief Dennis Buchanan, we are grateful to have you joining us today. Would you like to say a few words?

Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, would you like to say a few words?

This concludes our National Lifesaving Awards, thanks to all who attended this special occasion.