



Life-Saving Award: “To be conferred upon any member of the department whose actions directly contribute to saving or significantly prolonging some quality of human life. This award will be presented in the form of a ribbon bar and certificate for sworn members, and as a certificate for non-sworn members. All subsequent awards for sworn members will be presented in the form of oak leaf cluster and certificate.”

On August 26, 2020 around 8:28PM Butler County EMS and Andover Fire and Rescue were dispatched to 151 S. Monticello Dr. in Andover, Butler County Kansas for a possible “Code Blue” subject not breathing. The call first came out over Butler EMS channel, which Officer Michael Hampton overheard the call and responded without being dispatched. Officer Hampton was the first emergency responder to arrive on scene, arriving within two minutes of the call coming out. Upon arrival he was directed to go upstairs by the wife of the victim, Debbie Griffin. Debbie had been doing chest compressions on her husband Morris. Officer Hampton asked if she had given any breaths to Morris and she said no. Officer Hampton then instructed Debbie to give Morris two rescue breaths. After giving two breaths, Officer Hampton was unable to see that Morris’s chest rose. Debbie was instructed to give two more rescue breaths. With no movement, Officer Hampton took over chest compressions. After 20 chest compressions, Debbie gave two more breaths. At this point, Butler County EMS arrived on scene and took over CPR. Butler County EMS was able to get a pulse and breathing from Morris a short time later. They transported him to Kansas Medical Center in Andover for further treatment.”

Lieutenant Daimon Cundiff of the Andover Police Department lives across the street from Debbie and Morris and is friends with them. Lt. Cundiff reports he visited Morris at Kansas Medical Center a day or so later and found that he was in ICU receiving treatment. Morris has made a full recovery, and he and his wife Debbie are now home doing well. Had it not been for the quick response and quick actions of Officer Hampton, the situation and health of Morris could have gone differently. Officer Hampton’s fast response and actions provided enough time for Butler County EMS to arrive on scene and take over with their equipment.

Therefore, having met the requirements of General Order M1218, as recommended by the Awards Board and approved by the Chief of Police, MPO III Michael Hampton was awarded the department’s “Life-Saving Award.”