



# SOMERSET POLICE



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## Officer Receive Medals for Lifesaving

Three Somerset police officers were commended for their heroic actions last night during the city council meeting.

Sgt. Jason Griffith, Officer Joe Criswell, and Officer Eric Moore were pinned with the department's Lifesaving Medal by Major Doug Nelson.

The incident happened November 10, 2009 shortly before 3:00 AM when officers were notified of a structure fire in Colonial Village.

When officers arrived, they learned a male was trapped inside the burning apartment.

Officer Moore secured an axe from the first arriving fire truck and used it to open the steel door. Then he, Officer Criswell, and Sgt. Griffith pulled the man out of the apartment.

"Officer Criswell, Officer Moore, and Sgt. Griffith put their lives on the line to save the life of a stranger," said Major Nelson.

The man is still in a Lexington hospital burn unit from the injuries he received.

The award process was started when Lt. Jeff Sears made a recommendation the officers receive the recognition. A five-member panel reviewed Sears' recommendation and voted unanimously to award the officers.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Photo of (L-R) Officer Eric Moore, Officer Joe Criswell, and Sgt. Jason Griffith. The second photo is of the Lifesaving Medal.

