



PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
November 2018

Officer Anthony DeJesse

Based on your exemplary performance in providing critical life-saving first aid to save a human life, you have been nominated and named by the Awards Committee and the Acting Chief as the Palm Beach Department's Officer of the Month for November 2018.

On Monday, November 12, 2018 at 12:44 hours, you are dispatched to a resident on Jungle Road. The frantic caller reported that a housekeeper was found lying unconscious on the floor in the laundry room. The woman was unresponsive to did not appear to be breathing.

You arrived at the residence in just over a minute, retrieving your automated external defibrillator (AED) device from the trunk of your patrol vehicle trunk, and quickly entered the residence. Taking inventory of your surroundings and assessing the situation, you observed the housekeeper motionless on the floor, not breathing, and turning blue. Using your training and experience you immediately began life saving rescue attempts and activated the AED device before applying the shock pads appropriately to the victim's chest. You were alerted that a shock was going to be delivered, indicating the instrument was unable to detect a pulse from the victim. Upon the shock being administered, you immediately began performing CPR rescue efforts until Palm Beach Fire Rescue arrived with advanced life support care. The housekeeper, who was only 48 years old, was transported to good Samaritan hospital where she was admitted in stable condition.

Palm Beach Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Sekula was so impressed with your actions that he noted in an email describing your quick and deliberate efforts directly led to to saving the young woman's life. According to the daughter, who contact you via an emotional telephone call later in the day, expressed her gratitude and appreciation for saving her mother, informing you that she was expected to make a full recovery because of your heroic actions.