

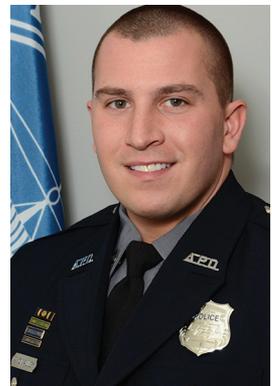
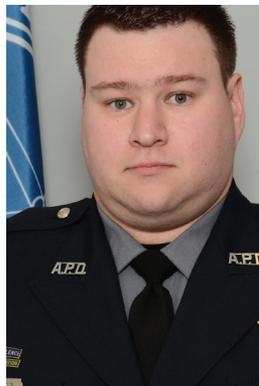
Sergeant Nick Ruggiero, Life Saving Certificate **Officer William Rutz, Life Saving Certificate** **Officer Matthew O'Malley, Life Saving Certificate**

On August 13, Officer Rutz, Officer O'Malley, and Sergeant Nick Ruggiero were in the Arlandria area conducting a surveillance operation. They heard a call for service for a vehicle crash, a pedestrian had been struck in the 3900 block of Old Dominion Blvd. The officers and sergeant immediately headed responded and were the first to arrive at the scene. They immediately located a female victim lying on the ground with the front of the building pinning her.

A vehicle, traveling at a high rate of speed, had left the roadway and struck the front of the building on Old Dominion Blvd. The victim had been standing in front of the building and the force from the accident dislodged the front frame of the building, causing it to collapse on the victim.

Officer Rutz, Officer O'Malley, and Sergeant Ruggiero began assessing the extent of her injuries. Her breathing was labored from the weight of the debris and building structure, approximately 900 pounds, pressing on her chest. She had a compound fractured to her right leg.

After quickly surveying the situation, all three officers concluded it was imperative to her survival to lift the structure off the victim. As a team, Officers Rutz and O'Malley and Sergeant Ruggiero lifted the



structure off of the victim's chest, alleviating much of the pressure and allowing her to breath. The officers continued to hold the structure until additional medical help arrived.

The victim suffered a broken leg and multiple contusions from the impact of the crash. While being extracted from the building she repeated over and over to the translator, "They saved my life, they saved my life". We award all three officers the Life Saving Certificate for their quick thinking and actions.