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On February 1, 2008, Sergeant Mark Soneson and Officer Steven Kostka responded to a call of an unresponsive elderly male. Upon arrival the Officers found that the victim had no pulse and was not breathing. They immediately inserted an oral airway and initiated CPR. They performed five cycles of CPR and then attached an AED to the victim. The AED analyzed the victim and advised a shock. This indicated that the immediate and efficient administration of CPR had started the victims heart beating again in an irregular rhythm that the AED was capable of shocking. After one shock the Officers continued CPR until a faint heartbeat was detected. This heartbeat gained strength and eventually the victim's blood pressure stabilized at 130/70. The victim was transported to the hospital and was later moved to another unit in stable condition.

This incident reflects the skill and dedication of these Officers to protecting the lives of those they serve. They were awarded the "Life Saving Award" for their accomplishments in this case on Monday March 3, 2008.

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