Life Savers

■ Airport Police Officers save the life of a heart attack victim.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police; Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Two Los Angeles Airport Police officers are recognized for their actions in saving the life of a United States Postal Service (USPS) employee at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Shawn Smith and Joe Espitia responded to an emergency radio call March 20 from communications operator Tamika Gibson, regarding an unconscious man in his vehicle located on the airfield

Arriving quickly, the officers discovered that the subject was in life-threatening distress, had



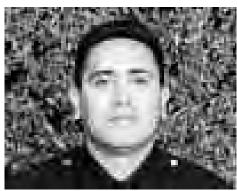
Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Shawn Smith.



no pulse and was not breathing. Without hesitation, the officers performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation in accordance with their police training on the victim.

The officers resuscitated the victim's vital life signs, and manually maintained his breathing until the arrival of LAFD paramedics, who continued life-sustaining measures using an automated external defibrillator (AED). The postal worker was taken to Centinela Hospital in Inglewood. He was later transferred to Kaiser Hospital in Los Angeles in stable condition.

Officer Espitia has served seven years on the Airport Police force, and Officer Smith has served for six years. All Los Angeles Airport Police officers have been fully trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.



Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Joe Espitia.





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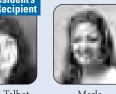
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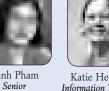
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