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An off-duty **Boston EMS** emergency medical technician was hailed today by his colleagues and Mayor Thomas M. Menino for helping to save the life of a woman who was struck by gunfire in Dorchester over the weekend.

After working the Dominican Festival, EMT Crispin McCay was headed home Sunday night in his personal vehicle when he heard 911 calls being made to dispatchers about a shooting in the area of Columbia Road and Washington Street.

McCay drove to the scene, where he found a young female victim who had been shot in the neck. He immediately radioed EMS Operations, providing them with an update on the victim while initiating treatment for a life-threatening wound that included arterial bleeding.

The victim had already lost a significant amount of blood and most certainly would not have survived if -- --at that moment ---McCay had not applied direct pressure on the wound to control the bleeding, said Boston EMS Deputy Superintendent Joseph O'Hare.

Boston EMS units arrived on the scene to assist McCay and transport the victim to the hospital, where it was later learned that one of her carotid arteries was nearly severed by the gunshot wound.

"He left the personal safety of his own vehicle, entered a large, emotionally charged crowd and, with minimal equipment, likely saved this young woman's life," Deputy O'Hare said.

"If not for the actions of EMT McCay, we may have had another senseless death tonight," he said.

Informed of the incident, Mayor Menino called McCay "a real life example of an EMT who put his own life on the line to help someone else."

"He went above and beyond the call of duty, and I personally commend him," Mayor Menino said.

McCay works the evening shift and has been with Boston EMS for 3-1/2 years.

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