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RE: **AED Units for Streetsboro Police Department**

The Streetsboro Police Department recently placed four (4) Automated Electronic Defibrillator (or AED) units into service for use by Streetsboro police officers while out on patrol.

The units, Medtronic Lifepaks, cost approximately \$1,500 per unit. The units were purchased with funds from the Streetsboro Fire Department ambulance billing fund. In addition, the Streetsboro Senior Center generously donated \$1,000 towards the purchase of these units for our safety forces.

Each of our officers has been trained on the use of the user-friendly units. In addition, each unit has audible voice prompting on the steps to follow once the unit is opened. Three (3) of the units are signed out daily for use by officers out on patrol on all three shifts, so there will be availability 24/7. The fourth unit has been placed at the police department for use within this facility as necessary.

The benefit of having these units available to our patrol personnel is an officer on patrol may now introduce this life saving resource in a timely manner. Depending upon the location of a call for a rescue squad where an AED would be beneficial, a patrolling officer may be able to arrive on scene in advance of fire rescue to utilize this tool.

“When you are talking about a life saving tool such as an AED, it is hard to put a true dollar value on that. This is money well spent for a tangible tool with proven results. We have had instances in the past where we have witnessed firsthand what the benefit would be of having these tools available to responding police personnel.”