

Argus Courier

Police, fire departments get new defibrillators

Published: Wednesday, Nov 7, 2007

Petaluma's police and fire department vehicles have been outfitted with potentially life-saving defibrillator units.

The Petaluma Fire Department's newly purchased ambulance received a defibrillator unit thanks to a \$25,000 donation from the Community Health Foundation of Greater Petaluma.

The 12-lead monitor/EKG/defibrillator will allow the city's paramedics to provide an increased level of pre-hospital care, which results in better outcomes for patients at risk of serious heart damage.

"This equipment allows us to identify people at risk and get them to the most appropriate medical care in the shortest amount of time," said Dan Epperson, emergency medical services manager for Petaluma.

"We are pleased to be able to make this donation for equipment that will have such a direct and positive impact on so many people's lives during the many years it will be in service," said Stanton Lawson, president of the Community Health Foundation of Greater Petaluma.

The non-profit organization Cruisin' the Boulevard Inc. presented the Petaluma Police Department with enough automated external defibrillators to place one in each patrol car, making the department the first fully-equipped AED force in Sonoma County.

The potentially life-saving technology, which can diagnose and regulate faulty heart rhythms in cardiac arrest victims, will be carried in all patrol cars.

The device was presented by Cruisin' the Boulevard board member Joetta Furrer, who survived a potentially fatal heart attack thanks to the



Jim Johnson
Stanton Lawson, president
of the Community Health
Foundation of Greater
Petaluma, and Dan
Epperson, emergency
medical services manager
for Petaluma, demonstrate
the Petaluma Fire
Department's new
defibrillator unit on CHF
spokesperson Barry
Blansett.

use of a defibrillator. "I saw fireworks," said Furrer of her experience in Kaiser's emergency room.

Copyright © 2007 Petaluma Argus-Courier

[Privacy Policy](#) | [User Agreement](#)

1304 Southpoint Blvd., P.O. Box 1091, Petaluma, CA 94953

707-762-4541