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### **ZPD officers gifted defibrillators by ZFD**

Thanks to a gift from the Zionsville Fire Department, Zionsville Police Department officers will be able to assist those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. Newly hired ZPD officers will now have an additional five automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to use in each of their vehicles.

Revenue generated from the CPR classes offered by ZFD was used to purchase five new AEDs for ZPD. Now all ZPD vehicles will be equipped with AEDs.

ZPD Captain Robert Musgrave says this is just one more way officers can help save lives in the community and that more and more police departments and law enforcement agencies are investing in AEDs.

All officers have received training on the operation of the AEDs. The newer AED models also come with operating instructions via a voice tutorial to help talk the operator through the work.

According to Zionsville Fire Department EMS Division Chief Steve Gilliam, AEDs cost upwards of \$2,000 each, making ZFD's contribution an \$8,000 gift.

"The quicker AEDs are deployed, the better chance of survival," said Gilliam. "For every minute a patient waits for a defibrillator their chances of survival decrease approximately 10 percent."

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