



Gulfport Police Department News Release



Subject: Police Cars Outfitted With Defibrillators

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Gulfport, FL—Police Chief Rob Vincent announced today that, in furtherance of the mission to protect and preserve lives, all Gulfport Police patrol vehicles have been outfitted with new automated external defibrillators. The new devices are the Powerheart G3 AED's, manufactured by Cardiac Science. These particular AED's were selected based on their simplicity of operation and the reliable service reputation of the vendor.

No tax revenue was expended for this purchase. The agency bought seventeen units with \$18,530 of funds from contraband forfeitures, and this is enough for all patrol and detectives' vehicles as well as one spare.

Officers completed training today, and now each vehicle has a device carried in the trunk and ready for immediate deployment. The defibrillators perform routine self-checks for operational readiness, and they will alert users if there is a problem that must be corrected. Each unit has a battery with a guaranteed life of at least four years.

These Cardiac Science units are replacing outdated devices that have been in use for over twelve years for which replacement accessories were no longer available.



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