

Wytheville Police Department, Wythe-Bland Foundation and Cardiac Science Partner Design Potentially Life-Saving AED Program

Program will help assure AED compliance, bolster emergency response plan



The Wytheville Department of Public Safety is proud to announce a partnership with the Wythe-Bland Foundation and Cardiac Science, a global leader in automated external defibrillators (AEDs), that will help protect employees and the public from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA)—the leading cause of death in the United States.

The Wytheville Police Department has implemented a Rescue Ready Services solution from Cardiac Science that combines AED placements, training, and medical direction, while helping to assure compliance with local, state and federal AED laws. Most important: The solution helps assure that Wytheville Police Officers will be ready to respond to a SCA emergency.

“We feel that this is an important program to offer to our community and something that our agency has felt strongly about for some time. With a generous grant from the Wythe-Bland Foundation, this program is now a reality. All Wytheville public safety vehicles will have the AEDs included in the inventory of equipment and available to the officers to utilize. ALL members of the public safety department have been trained and certified in the use of this equipment, as well as certified in First Aid and CPR,” stated Chief Rick Arnold. “This program is not to replace the great services that the Wythe County Rescue Squad offer, but we were realizing that our officers were sometimes arriving at the scene of a SCA a few minutes before the squads were in the attempt to assist, as needed. We will now have the ability to offer this additional service to the community.”

Data shows that having AED equipment and being properly trained is crucial to surviving a SCA emergency. If an organization has AEDs available, the likelihood of an employee surviving a SCA event is 60%. Without such equipment, the number is less than 7%, according to the American Heart Association (AHA).

But what is SCA and why is it so deadly? SCA is triggered by an abrupt, unpredictable electrical malfunction in the heart causing an irregular heartbeat. Victims are often healthy and fit adults, and have no known risk factors, so everyone is potentially a victim.

Minutes count during a SCA event. If a rescuer can provide defibrillation in the first minutes, the victim’s chance of survival increases to more than 90%. However, each minute that passes will decrease the victims chance of survival by 7 – 10% if no defibrillation is provided, according to the AHA.

Bottom line: AEDs will help save more lives if they are available to the public.

Thanks to the Wythe-Bland Foundation, the Wytheville Police Department is now better equipped to respond.



Wytheville Department of Public Safety

MISSION STATEMENT

The Wytheville Department of Public Safety exists for the purpose of safeguarding life and property and maintaining order in a professional manner that preserves a confidence in our democratic process. Each officer and employee shall be responsible for the observance of orders, proper performance of duty, and the maintenance of discipline on the part of members and employees assigned to their shift and for enforcement of the law, promotion of proper patrol, investigation of motor vehicle accident, necessary investigation of crime, and protection of life and property. To fulfill its mission, the Wytheville Department of Public Safety is dedicated to providing a quality work environment and the development of its members through effective training and leadership.

2016 Fourth Quarter Traffic Enforcement/Accident Statistics

	<u>Crash Reporting</u>		<u>October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016</u>		
	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Major Crash	7	5	8	20 (YTD 97)	Total Crashes 128 (YTD-500)
Minor Crash	38	33	37	108 (YTD 403)	
Injuries	5	1	2	8 (YTD-25)	
Fatalities	0	0	0	0 (YTD-2)	
Charges	9	8	6	23 (YTD-86)	

<u>Criminal Charges 10/01/16 12/31/16</u>			<u>Traffic Charges 10/01/16 12/31/16</u>		
Kidnaping	0	(1-YTD)	Speeding Violations	54	(345YTD)
Forcible Fondling/Rape	3	(5YTD)	Driving While Intoxicated	9	(65YTD)
Robbery	1	(2YTD)	Defective Equipment	35	(129YTD)
Simple/Aggrav Assault	9	(45YTD)	Seat Belt/Child Safety Seat	5	(152YTD)
Burglary/B & E	3	(9YTD)	Dangling Objects	4	(10YTD)
Shoplifting	12	(60YTD)	No/Expired Registration	4	(64YTD)
Theftfrom Various	12	(29YTD)	Use of Comm Dev Driving	5	(11-YTD)
All Other Larceny	23	(57YTD)	No/Expired State Inspection	4	(45YTD)
Statutory Rape	0	(1-YTD)	No/Expired Oper. License	3	(21YTD)
Counterfeiting/Forgery	18	(20YTD)	Suspended/Revoked OL	3	(36YTD)
Embezzlement	0	(3YTD)	No Liability Insurance	5	(23YTD)
Stolen Prop Offense	0	(2YTD)	No Tag(s) on Display	15	(33YTD)
Destruction/Damage/Vand.	19	(37YTD)	Altered/Forged Tag	1	(6YTD)
Drugs/Narcotic Violations	26	(150YTD)	No/Expired TowDecal	22	(56YTD)
Pornography/Prostitution	1	(5YTD)	Fail to Yield Right of Way	18	(73YTD)
Weapons Violations	4	(18YTD)	Follow to Close	10	(30YTD)
Drunkenness	16	(81YTD)	Fail to Obey Sign/Lights	3	(65YTD)
Trespass	0	(7-YTD)	Reckless Driving	2	(36YTD)
Bad Check	1	(1-YTD)	<u>All Other Traffic Violations</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>(547YTD)</u>
Arson	1	(1-YTD)	TOTAL	322	(1,745YTD)
False Pret/Impersonation	5	(5YTD)			
Motor Vehicle Thefts	5	(5YTD)			
Disorderly Conduct	3	(3YTD)			
<u>All Other Offenses</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>(488YTD)</u>			
TOTAL	334	(1,034YTD)			

Citizens desiring additional information regarding the programs and activity of the Wytheville Department of Public Safety are encouraged to contact Chief Rick W. Arnold at anytime by calling 276-223-3310 or rickya@wytheville.org

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