
Citizen and Police Save SCA Victim on Golf Course

August 3, 2007—NOVI, MI—A 62-year-old male from North Haven, Connecticut suffered sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) at Novi Michigan Oaks Golf & Sports on August 1st. Novi resident Greg Snider initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Officer Paul Stuligross of the Novi Police Department arrived within three minutes of being dispatched. He administered one defibrillator shock and then continued CPR along with Officer Christopher Lee. Officers Stuligross and Lee were relieved by personnel of the Novi Fire Department and EMS and the victim, who was conscious by that time, was transported to Providence Park Hospital. He was later transported to Providence Hospital in Southfield for further medical evaluation. Medical officials at Providence Hospital state the initial CPR performed by Mr. Snider and the AED shock administered by Police Officers saved the victim's life, allowing for advanced medical treatment.

In April 2002, with the approval of the City Council, the Novi Police Department purchased AEDs to help victims in cardiac arrest for all police cruisers. "AEDs are proven to save lives and we have an excellent means of rapidly delivering that service to people in need by using police officers on patrol in our neighborhoods," said David Molloy, Novi's Chief of Police. "Equipping officers with AEDs and having them respond to calls of potential cardiac arrest gives strength to our commitment to providing the best possible emergency service to the citizens of Novi. This program greatly enhances the chance of survival. I commend Officer Stuligross and Officer Lee for their life-saving efforts and quick response to ensure the health and safety of this gentleman. I also would like to recognize and commend Novi resident Greg Snider for his heroic and dedicated deed. Absent his involvement and quick thinking, this incident could have had a tragic outcome."