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Press Release

Subject: YCSO Acquires AED's for Patrol Vehicles

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The Yolo County Sheriff's Office will immediately begin deploying AED's throughout the Field Operations Division to help save lives in the community.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is an emergency medical device that can detect and recognize certain heart arrhythmias and can determine, without intervention by the operator, whether defibrillation should be performed. If defibrillation is appropriate, the AED automatically charges and requests the operator to deliver an electrical impulse to the patient's heart.

Sheriff Tom Lopez, with thirty-four years of volunteer firefighting service behind him, recognized the need for AED's to be a part of every first responder's tool kit. "Deputy sheriffs are often first on scene following requests for emergency services in unincorporated Yolo County, and I want my deputies to be prepared and properly equipped to provide lifesaving assistance," stated Lopez.

With the support of the Yolo Emergency Medical Services Agency, the Sheriff's Office acquired forty-six AED's which are especially valuable in the rural areas covered by our deputy sheriffs. These life saving devices will be placed in all patrol vehicles to be utilized by deputies working in the field. In addition to patrol vehicles, the AED's will be outfitted in the vehicles assigned to detectives and our Marine Patrol. Fortunately, deputies have been regularly receiving AED training as part of the CPR course.

While the Sheriff's Office has had AED's available in Corrections for many years, these devices are a welcome addition to the array emergency equipment already available in our patrol vehicles.

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