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Going Beyond !

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Mary Sansone reached out to ZOLL earlier this week with hopes of obtaining a form of recognition for their Police Chief, Shaun O'Keefe. Understanding that the save did occur a couple years back, their Chief had never been recognized for this past save and the town wanted to do so. The Chief's valuable responsiveness to those in need has dominoed to his Officer Tony Swett—they, along with their EMS teams, are making a difference in their community through ZOLL.



In the late afternoon hours of May 15th, 2009, Lyme Police Officer, Shaun O'Keefe responded to a dispatch call of cardiac arrest in Orford, NH - the next town north of Lyme. Knowing that the Orford Police were off duty, Officer O'Keefe rushed to the scene, where he arrived to find CPR in progress, with no AED yet available. Because of Shaun's knowledge of the quick action that must happen for the possibility of survival, he brought in the ZOLL AED from his patrol car. Immediately, Officer O'Keefe applied the pads to the patient and was able to deliver the first shock to resuscitate the patient. With a team of responders spontaneous return of pulse was regained by the patient after a 20 minute resuscitation. The patient survived and was released from the hospital, and was able to donate money to allow his town of Orford, NH to carry an AED in their Police Vehicle.

Police Chief, Shaun O'Keefe was instrumental in numerous avenues and although this an incredibly fortunate event and outcome, the larger point to make is that Shaun and Lyme Police Officer, Tony Swett, are often at the scene of a cardiac arrest prior to EMS, and have deployed the use of their ZOLL's 6 times. They never hesitate and are proficient in the performance of CPR and AED use, and most importantly they understand the importance of the timeliness of their actions. They are the finest example of the role that Law Enforcement plays in the saving of lives from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. This is especially valuable in rural areas such as ours where citizen's rely on volunteer EMS squads that often cannot make it to the scene as fast as the police. In this case, the fact that Lyme, NH has outfitted both Police vehicles with AEDs allows Chief O'Keefe and Officer Sweet to help in other towns as well.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge ..." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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