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Chief James Blanton, Lawson State, discusses Cardiac Solutions "Turn Key Program"

Lawson State Introduces Turn Key AED Program

Students, visitors and employees of Lawson State will have a better chance of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest because of newly installed Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The AEDs are part of our school's new CPR and AED program that trains staff, faculty and students to recognize a cardiac emergency, perform CPR and use the device to administer a shock to the heart. "We want to be sure we can effectively respond to any medical emergency that occurs on our property", says Chief James Blanton.

According to Chief Blanton, concern about being able to ensure quick defibrillation motivated Lawson to set up the AED program. With the size of our campus and the numerous activities

going on simultaneously, we wanted to ensure that if EMS response times are delayed due to traffic, weather or location of the victim, we are able to jump into action to save a life.

Lawson State partnered with Cardiac Solutions to set up the AED program. “We applaud Lawson State for recognizing the importance of AEDs,” said Jon Seale, Chief Executive Officer at Cardiac Solutions. “Having an AED program in place will highly increase the chance of survival if sudden cardiac arrest occurs.”

“We are very pleased to have added another layer of protection and precaution to the Lawson State Community College infrastructure,” said Dr. Perry W. Ward, president of Lawson State. With the growing traffic both of our campuses continue to see, we are glad to be one of the first community colleges in the state to take such measures to have AEDs located in key areas to provide response in the case of a cardiac emergency.”

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is an abrupt loss of heart function causing blood to stop flowing to the brain and other vital organs, and causing the person to collapse. SCA can occur among people of all ages and is often fatal if not treated within minutes of onset. According to the American Heart Association, each year more than 396,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States. Both the American Heart Association and European Resuscitation Council recommend early defibrillation within three minutes with effective CPR for the best chance at survival.



Pictured above: Dr. Perry Ward, President of Lawson State and Jon M. Seale, CEO at Cardiac Solutions.