



Fairfield fire, Medic Ambulance expand arsenals of advanced CPR devices

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FAIRFIELD — New state-of-the-art cardiopulmonary resuscitation devices will be placed on each first-out Fairfield Fire Department vehicle and Medic Ambulance supervisor vehicle, the culmination of a two-year project.

Medic Ambulance and Fairfield fire each contributed \$70,000 toward the purchase of the LUCAS 3 v 3.1-chest compression system devices, while NorthBay Healthcare added \$40,000.

"In the controlled environment of the hospital we are able to provide care to correct the underlying medical problems that may have caused a patient's heart to stop. However, these measures are only effective if we have a viable patient brought to us," Heather Venezio, director of Emergency and Trauma Services at NorthBay Healthcare, said in a statement.

One device will be placed at each of the five fire stations in the city. It was not immediately clear how many supervisor vehicles are operated by Medic Ambulance.

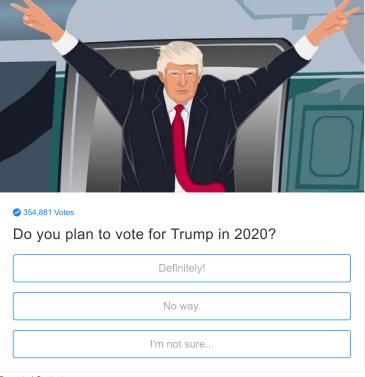
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