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Upland and Fontana Receive Lifesaving Automatic CPR Technology

Today, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCoFD) is rolling out the revolutionary AutoPulse® Resuscitation System from ZOLL® Medical Corporation in the cities of Upland and Fontana. Using this new technology, County Fire Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel will improve their ability to provide high quality, lifesaving measures to patients throughout the West Valley.

AutoPulse® is an automated CPR device that delivers customized, high-quality CPR whenever and wherever it's needed. The system uses a load-distributing LifeBand® that squeezes the entire chest, so patients receive consistent, high-quality compressions that drive good blood flow. As the system provides uninterrupted CPR, EMS personnel are free to transport the patient to an ambulance and get them to a hospital, as quickly as possible.

As of today, SBCoFD has a total of 23 AutoPulse® Systems deployed throughout the county in the communities of Crestline, Lake Arrowhead, Wrightwood, Lucerne Valley, Yucca Valley, Baker, Phelan, Hesperia, and now in the cities of Upland and Fontana. At a cost of approximately \$15,000 each, SBCoFD, the City of Upland, and the City of Fontana prioritized budgets to include the purchase and training of this lifesaving technology. Training is conducted in conjunction with ZOLL® Medical Clinical Deployment Specialists. County Fire EMS personnel have the best training available that provides a comprehensive understanding of the best practice use of the system.

“We are excited to extend the enhanced lifesaving capabilities of the AutoPulse® System to the residents of Upland, Fontana and the surrounding areas,” stated Fire Chief Dan Munsey. “This technology has increased our fire departments Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) rates by nearly 10% since December 2018 in the cities where they are currently deployed. This means that as of today, the residents of Upland and Fontana have almost a 10% greater chance for their heart to begin working again during a serious cardiac emergency through the use of this cutting-edge system.”

Munsey explained a recent incident where the AutoPulse® System helped resuscitate a patient. SBCoFD Station 304 in Hesperia responded to a 911 call for a patient who was not breathing. Upon arriving on scene, County Fire EMS personnel utilized the AutoPulse® System to stabilize the patient. After regaining a pulse, the patient was transported to a hospital. During the trip, the patient began to breathe on his own and regained consciousness. Through their commitment to professionalism, County Fire EMS personnel were able to use this cutting-edge technology to save the man's life.

A video demonstration of the [AutoPulse®](#) System is available on the [ZOLL® Medical Corporation YouTube Channel](#).

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