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(Four Hillsboro Employees Recognized for CPR Save)

Four employees of Hillsboro's Shute Park Aquatic & Recreation Center (SHARC) were honored Tuesday evening for their roles in saving the life of a customer who suffered a heart attack earlier this year. Hillsboro Fire Chief Gary Seidel presented plaques acknowledging the employees' actions during the City Council meeting.

"These fine people demonstrated cool thinking and the quick application of their training to help save the life of a fellow citizen," said Chief Seidel. "These skills are not just for public employees," he added. "They are available to anyone who will spend a few hours and a few dollars to learn them."

On August 20, 2008, a 73-year old citizen exercising on a treadmill at Shute Park Aquatics Center fell to the ground unconscious and unresponsive. Scott Buendia, the trainer on duty, immediately took action, checked the patient for vital signs and, finding none, requested that others call 9-1-1 and retrieve the Automatic External Defibrillator, or A-E-D. Scott immediately began administering Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation or C-P-R.

Water Safety Coordinator Ryan Myers quickly called 9-1-1 and helped keep bystanders back. Our Rescue One was dispatched to the incident. While the firefighter/paramedics were en route, Aquatics Manager Paula Rose and Lifeguard Matt Wold rushed to the patient with the A-E-D and began hooking it up as Scott continued his C-P-R.

The A-E-D program analyzed the patient's heart rhythms and determined that an electrical shock was in order. The team stood back as the device delivered the electrical shock that brought his heart back to a normal rhythm. The patient was transported to a hospital and was alert when admitted to the emergency department.

For more fire and life safety information and for information on how you can learn CPR, call 503-681-6273.

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Hillsboro Fire Chief Gary Seidel presents recognition awards to four Shute Park Aquatics Center employees for saving the life of a citizen who suffered a heart attack. (Shown left to right) Fire Chief Gary Seidel, Lifeguard Matt Wold, Aquatics Center Manager Paula Rose, Trainer Scott Buenda, and Water Safety Coordinator Ryan Myers.