

## **Pikeville Police Department**

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On 07/04/2023, the Pikeville Police Department received 6 Automated External Defibrillators. These Defibrillators were purchased with Grant funds received from the Gary Sinise Foundation. Pikeville Grant Writer Jeannie Decker identified the grant as an opportunity for the City to receive funds for equipment that could save lives. Having these Automated External Defibrillators in each of our patrol units will help increase the survivability of Cardiac Arrest when seconds count. A AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used in conjunction with C.P.R, to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. We would like to thank the Gary Sinise Foundation for their gracious gift to our community, that will enable our officers to be more effective in the field when responding to such incidents.