

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 9/15/08

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Automated External Defibrillators in police patrol vehicles

REPORT BY: Beth Pollard, City Administrator

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the allocation of \$9,000 from fire equipment funds for acquisition and placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in police patrol vehicles.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At its meeting of September 2, 2008, at the request of Mayor Lieber, the City Council asked staff to report back regarding purchase and placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in police patrol vehicles. The purpose of the AED's in police units would be to increase their availability throughout the city, thereby potentially reducing the amount of time between an incident of cardiac arrest and application of defibrillation equipment.

Staff has reviewed the issues related to placement in police patrol vehicles outlined in the staff report for September 2, and has determined that they can be sufficiently addressed through training and protocols between the Fire and Police Departments. The Fire Department will take the lead on the purchase and training the police officers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

An AED costs up to approximately \$1,000 each. There are eight marked patrol vehicles. With an allocation of \$9,000, an additional unit could be purchased should another appropriate location for a City AED be warranted. Fire equipment funds, previously allocated for a heavy-duty gurney but determined by the Fire Department not to be needed at this time, will be used for the AED purchase.