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Purchase of Mechanical CPR Devices Before Commission Tuesday

SPRINGFIELD, OH (May 7, 2019) — Springfield City Commission will hear a proposal to accept a grant for the purchase of three mechanical CPR devices at their regular meeting Tuesday, May 7.

Commissioners will have a first reading to authorize acceptance of a Safety Intervention Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for up to \$37,500. The funds will be used to purchase three LUCAS 3.1 Chest Compression Systems. The devices deliver high-quality CPR while the patient is being moved or transported.

“LUCAS Systems allow emergency responders to more efficiently treat and transport patients during a medical emergency,” said Capt. Brian Leciejewski, Springfield Fire *Rescue* Division. “Studies have shown that chest compression systems deliver higher-quality CPR than hands-on methods, and achieve fewer interruptions while moving the patient.”

Updating equipment for emergency services was part of a commitment made to voters with the passage of a tax levy in 2017.

“We’re confident that these systems will save lives and improve emergency care,” said City Manager Bryan Heck. “When we invest in our services, the citizens of Springfield reap the benefits. This was the case earlier this year when new carbon monoxide detectors alerted first responders to a leak at Springfield Towers, saving the lives of dozens of residents there.”

On Jan. 16, paramedics responded to a routine medical call at Springfield Towers, located at 363 E. High St. Once on scene, the newly-acquired carbon monoxide detectors purchased by the fire department went into alarm. Firefighters determined that the scene was a major CO incident and evacuated the building. Upon investigation, the CO levels were found to be over 150 parts per million. Concentrations of 200 PPM can cause health issues in as little as two hours. No one was injured as a result of carbon monoxide exposure.

City Commission meets May 7 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Forum.