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Sheriff's Office Receives Lifesaving Devices for Patrol Unit

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN –September 8, 2017, The Putnam County Sheriff's Office received 20 Automated External Defibrillator's (AED) from the LESO 1033 military surplus program. An AED is a portable device that checks the rhythm of the heart and can be used to send an electric shock to restore a normal rhythm when someone has experienced a heart attack. Immediate cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of an AED can more than double a person's chances of survival.

These specific devices came from Fort Riley, Kansas, and they were inspected by the Putnam County Emergency Medical Services Office to ensure that they are current and functional. Some of the pads and all the batteries were replaced. If purchased, the units would have cost \$70,000. For the price of two AEDs, PCSO equipped 20 of our patrol cars! PCSO has previously received five other AEDs through the same military program.

"We seek to maximize all avenues in order to provide services to our citizens. We have been able to acquire different types of equipment and supplies through this program," says Sheriff Eddie Farris. "In an accident or medical emergency, time is critical, and these AED devices will aid Sheriff's Office Deputies when they arrive on scene."

Sheriff's Office Deputies receive annual CPR and AED training as part of their annual certification process. By having patrol cars assigned an AED unit, the county will receive uninterrupted coverage and availability of an AED in the event of a medical emergency.

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