

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE LAS VEGAS FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONAL PROGRAM DESIGNED TO IMPROVE SURVIVAL FROM SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recognized the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department for its participation in a national program dedicated to reducing response times for cardiac arrest. He explained that the CARES system was intended to help first responders and hospitals identify service areas for improvement, noting that more people die from cardiac arrest than lung cancer, breast cancer and HIV combined. He invited DR. DAVID SLATTERY, Emergency Services Director, to the podium.

DR. SLATTERY expressed his enthusiasm for this project, pointing out that the survival rate for a cardiac arrest remains dismal with one percent of victims coming out neurologically unaffected, nationwide. He stated that the program is fully funded by the Center for Disease Control and American Heart Association and that the City had been selected to be one of 15 cities invited to participate. Within six to eight months with the program, his staff will be able to provide more information and greater detail on the survival statistics for cardiac arrest in the City and Clark County. DR. SLATTERY encouraged citizens to take Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes or simply push fast and hard on a cardiac victims chest until assistance arrives.

