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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JUNE 4, 2014

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL CPR AND AED AWARENESS WEEK

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Proclamation for Cardiac Arrest Survival Week

Minutes:

Prior to hearing this item, MAYOR GOODMAN announced that the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department was awarded \$0.7 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. This grant will pay for the cost to staff Fire Station 108 which is planned to open in August, 2014. The grant provides enough funding to man one fire engine and one rescue unit for two years.

MAYOR GOODMAN called forward DR. DAVID SLATTERY, Director of Emergency Medical Services Director and CAPTAIN SCOTT JOHNSON, head of the local fire union and said that June 1-7 is National CPR and AED Awareness week and Cardiac Arrest Survival Week. Recently the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department achieved the 2014 Mission Lifeline EMS Bronze Award for saving the lives of patients who suffered cardiac arrest. The award was presented to FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM M. SULLIVAN by the American Heart Association. By using therapeutic hypothermia, the fire department has increased its save rate of cardiac responses to 44 percent, which is one of the highest in the nation. The Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department responds to more than 260 EMS calls a day, bringing emergency room care to the patient with the treatment that they administer on the scene and en route to the hospital. MAYOR GOODMAN presented DR. SLATTERY with a proclamation for the great work of the responders.

DR. SLATTERY said that this is an important week for cardiac arrest. It takes an entire community to improve survival from sudden cardiac arrest, including bystanders, 911 Call Specialists, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, neighboring fire departments, all EMS providers and the hospitals. The Mayor announced at the Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update Conference (ECCU) that the City has endorsed public access defibrillation and CPR education. DR. SLATTERY stated that the focus is on how well the chest compressions are done by initial bystanders and rescue personnel. He reported that this is the first EMS agency in the country to be selected by the American Heart Association to pilot a new CPR training module called RQI and it was launched at the ECCU Conference yesterday. It will be used in training for doing continuous, high quality chest compressions. DR. SLATTERY said that when a patient's heart starts again, it is important to start saving the brain and therapeutic hypothermia helps with that. To learn CPR, people can call Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. He also said that if someone is seen collapsing, 911 Operators can talk people through emergencies until help arrives.



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DR. SLATTERY said that Las Vegas is the host city to the ECCU Conference and they will be doing a flash mob CPR event at the Fremont Street Experience on Friday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. This international conference is held every two years and brings resuscitation scientists, physicians, EMS providers and survivors together at one venue. MAYOR GOODMAN added that there were about 1,000 people at the conference and they were from 22 different countries.

CAPTAIN JOHNSON thanked the Mayor and City Council for their leadership and said CPR has been a focus since 2008. A special Rapid Response Team is sent to every cardiac arrest, arriving in four to six minutes and a remarkable amount of save rate has been seen. Las Vegas references volunteer their time and partner with the American Red Cross to teach people how to do CPR, not only CPR. He is looking forward to doing a large scale event to promote hands only CPR in the local community, and they want to get it out to the entire country. He complimented the City Council for their leadership.

MAYOR GOODMAN suggested having CPR demonstrations on KCLV TV.

MAYOR GOODMAN read part of and presented DR. SLATTERY with the proclamation, which was submitted as backup documentation.