

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Offered by Councillors Charles C. Yancey and Stephen Murphy

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS ON BOSTON POLICE VEHICLES RESPONDING TO 911 CALLS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS: An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that analyses heart rhythms and provides a shock to restore the heart beat of a person suffering from cardiac arrest; and
- WHEREAS: The American Heart Association recommends that all emergency rescue services have an AED at their disposal; and
- WHEREAS: Defibrillation is most successful when administered within four minutes of the onset of cardiac arrest; and
- WHEREAS: AEDs are increasingly available in such public places as airports, libraries, shopping malls, movie theatres, and community centers; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Boston, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, can provide the Boston Police with defibrillator training courses regarding CPR protocols and the use of AEDs; and
- WHEREAS: National statistics show 300,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest every year, but that 50,000 of these deaths could be prevented if an AED is available; and
- WHEREAS: Boston Police Officers often arrive on-scene before the Boston Fire Department and Boston Emergency Medical Services; Be It Therefore
- ORDAINED: The City of Boston shall mandate that the Boston Police Department utilize functioning automated external defibrillators on police vehicles responding to 911 calls in the City of Boston.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

11-##.1 Employment of Automated External Defibrillators in Boston Police Vehicles: The City of Boston shall mandate the Boston Police Department utilize functioning automated external defibrillators on police vehicles responding to 911 calls in the City of Boston.

11-##.2 Severability Clause for sections 11-10.1 to 11-10.2: If any provision of this measure is held invalid or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this and the provisions of this measure are declared severable.

11-##.3 Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect 12 months after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

**In City Council
February 3, 2010**