

# Press Release

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Pictured above from left to right Sergeant Jasson Jobe (Onalaska Police), Mary Olson (Lion's Treasurer), Ira Brown (Lion Tamer), Rick Vogel (Onalaska Police Reserve Deputy Commander), Dave Villeneuve (Onalaska Police Reserve Commander), Jeremy Fisher (Lion's President), Sergeant Tim Berg (Onalaska Police)

## Onalaska LIONS CLUB DONATES DEFIBRILLATOR TO ONALASKA POLICE

When someone is having a heart attack seconds can mean the difference between life and death. The use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) within the first 6 minutes of a heart attack can produce a survival rate between 80 and 85%. This is why the Onalaska Police Reserves have a goal of outfitting every Onalaska Police car with an AED.

"With this donation we now have a total of 5 AED(s), said Sergeant Tim Berg of the Onalaska Police Department, "This gets

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us closer to our goal of having an AED in each of our 9 squad cars."

Since AED(s) cost over \$1,300.00 each, this is a difficult goal to realize during lean budget years.

"We are very fortunate," said Sergeant Tim Berg, "The Onalaska Police Reserves donated the proceeds from their fall fund raiser to purchase an AED. After hearing about the Police Reserve's fund raising efforts the Onalaska Lions Club stepped forward and donated funds for a second AED."

The Lions presented a check to the Onalaska Police Reserves in a ceremony at city hall on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The AED has been purchased and was put into service this month.

"The Lions Club is an international service organization," said local chapter President Jeremy Fisher, "I can't think of a better way to serve our community than to give someone a new lease on life. We were very happy to be able donate the funds for an AED."