

SVOA Preparedness Committee Report for 11-12-15 board meeting:

The Preparedness Committee met October 9th, 7-8:30 in the clubhouse.

- Logistics for the basic first aid class to be taught by Carol Smedburg, an American Red Cross Instructor, for residents at the clubhouse on Saturday, November 14th, were finalized. The morning class is full with 22 residents signed up and the afternoon class is almost full with 21 residents signed up.
- Training ideas for the proposed neighborhood disaster response team were discussed including two-way radio practice, an introduction to the incident command system, first aid certification and a custom CERT (citizens emergency response team) training.
- Next Preparedness Meeting will be held December 14th, 7-8 pm in the clubhouse.

The Preparedness Committee proposes the SVOA board purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the clubhouse. A reliable AED can be purchased with carrying case, wall cabinet and signage for less than \$1500.00 (see attached information).

Oregon state requires any public gathering place that has 50 or more present on a daily basis to have an AED. While our club house does not have daily gatherings, we often do have special events held in the clubhouse where more than 50 people are in attendance. We often host a population that is at higher risk of having Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). A person having SCA has less than a 4% chance of survival with CPR alone. If a person has CPR and an AED can be connected to the person quickly, the survival rate increases to 60 – 70 %. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the victim loses 10% chance of survival. After 10 minutes the typical SCA survival rate is zero. How long does it take Corvallis EMTs to respond to Stoneybrook?

An AED is simple to use and talks the user through the procedure and bystanders are protected from liability when using an AED. Oregon's Revised Statute 30.802 – Liability for use of automated external defibrillator states that:

“A person may not bring a cause of action against another person for damages for injury, death or loss that result from acts or omissions involving the use, attempted use or nonuse of an automated external defibrillator when the other person:
(a)Used or attempted to use an automated external defibrillator;
(b)Was present when an automated external defibrillator was used or should have been used;
(c)Provided training in the use of an automated external defibrillator;
(d)Is a physician and provided services related to the placement or use of an automated external defibrillator; **or**
(e)Possesses or controls one or more automated external defibrillators placed in a public setting.”

Providing an AED in the clubhouse would seem like a prudent step to take to better protect the residents of Stoneybrook Village.