

Press Release

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ONALASKA POLICE RESERVES RAISE MONEY FOR DEFIBRILLATORS

The chest pains happen unexpectedly, no one plans for a heart attack. It can happen anywhere, at home, in the car or at the mall. At this point a defibrillator can be the difference between life and death. In this situation every minute counts, literally. According to Mayo Health Systems a person's likelihood of survival drops about 10% per minute for every minute that a defibrillator is not employed. CPR can drop that to 4% per minute but only if applied immediately and correctly. Ideally a fully equipped ambulance arrives but the reality is that the police department is often the first on scene. In Onalaska the Police Department has 3 Defibrillators so the probability that the responding squad car has a defibrillator on board is 3 in 9

The Onalaska Police Reserves would like to increase those odds. So this Thursday, September 8th they are holding a Chicken Q at the Onalaska Police Department. The goal is to raise enough money to purchase an additional defibrillator for the Police Department.

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"Defibrillators run about \$1,300.00," said Sergeant Tim Berg, "hopefully, if the community comes out and supports this fund raiser we can make enough to donate a defibrillator to the Police Department."

Sergeant Berg, in addition to being a Sergeant with the Onalaska Police Department is also the liaison to the Police Reserves.

"These are people who donate their time," said Berg of the Police Reserves, "they augment the sworn Police helping out with Child ID issuance, crowd control, traffic control, Municipal Court or wherever there is a need. This includes raising money for much needed equipment."

The Chicken Q will run from 11am to 6:30pm on September 8th.

According to Sergeant Berg there will be a drive through option for those in a hurry.

"We are doing curbside service," said Sgt Berg, "people can just drive to City Hall and pick up their food. We'll run it right to the car. We are also setting up some tables in the Police garage for people who want to eat in."

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Onalaska Police Department, walk ins are welcome, all tickets are \$7.50.