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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office has deployed 33 AED's to Field Operations**

Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office has, over the past year, deployed 33 automated external defibrillators (AED's) to field operations. This has been made possible through grants from The United States Deputy Sheriff's Association, PacifiCorp, NWHIDTA, BNSF Railway Foundation and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation as well as donations from local citizens.

We are also happy to report that on January 31, 2021 one these AED's were used during an aide call near Castle Rock. Deputy Sheriff Ryan Plank and Castle Rock Police Officer Bill Zimmerman responded and through the use of the AED and CPR they rendered aid to Shyla Charlton. Shyla survived the event and is grateful for the efforts of Plank and Zimmerman along with Castle Rock Fire District 6 in giving life-saving treatment.

