

NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIN OF SURVIVAL (NCOS) PROJECT FOR THE SPRINGS AT SANTA RITA

Our community has partnered with the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona to establish a local neighborhood volunteer network to expedite a lifesaving response when a neighbor experiences a sudden cardiac arrest. Victims of sudden cardiac arrest in a residential neighborhood are more likely to survive when CPR is begun within minutes of the event and an AED is used as quickly as possible, often by a good Samaritan bystander.

A group of residents of the Springs have volunteered to receive CPR and automatic external defibrillator (AED) training and respond quickly when alerted to a sudden cardiac arrest emergency at an address in our community. Here is how the program works:

1. A witness to the emergency will call 911 and report that the victim is unconscious and appears to have stopped breathing, the first signs of sudden cardiac arrest.
2. In a medical emergency, the 911 operator will pass the alert to a medical operator who will collect more information and alert the nearest fire station/EMS facility to respond
3. The NCOS system will also be alerted to emergencies in The Springs and pass on alerts to all our community volunteers via cell phone, text message, and land line
4. Volunteers in the immediate area will travel safely to the address of the emergency and begin CPR and use an AED until professional responders arrive.

You may remember that a study conducted the summer of 2018 in The Springs by the University of Arizona/Sarver Heart Center and the Green Valley Fire Department demonstrated that volunteers could arrive critical minutes before professionals from the nearest fire station. Other studies indicate a much higher survival rate from such a quick response. Arizona and Federal Good Samaritan laws protect the responding volunteers.

AEDs will be placed in a central location in the community in weatherproof cabinets for use by volunteers in an emergency. Also, signage announcing The Springs as a HeartSafe Community will be placed at the entrance to our development. We are the first such community in Green Valley and Tucson.

Please sign and return a copy of this notice to Jan Canning c/o the box at HOA office indicating your awareness of this program and willingness to allow a volunteer to respond to an emergency at your address.

Print Name: _____

Signature

Date

Address

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