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Cardiac Arrest in Wilsonville Today Brings First Citizen Responder via PulsePoint Alert

At 9:02am today TVF&R crews along with AMR ambulance were dispatched to a cardiac arrest at Shari's Restaurant located at 29690 SW Town Center Loop in Wilsonville. At the same time, TVF&R's PulsePoint mobile app was notifying three nearby citizen responders that someone near their location was in need of CPR. Heather Roms, who is an RN for Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland, was just leaving a nearby business when she received the PulsePoint notification on her smartphone. Heather responded to the Shari's restaurant, and began hands-Only CPR until EMS crews arrived. After their arrival, Paramedics determined that the patient had a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Heather stated that she heard about the app from her mother who works at a nearby middle school, and was happy to be available to respond and help. Today's incident marks the first time that a PulsePoint responder has arrived on scene and began administering CPR to a cardiac patient.

The PulsePoint app enables subscribers who have indicated they are CPR trained to be alerted to a cardiac arrest event simultaneously with TVF&R's firefighters EMT/paramedics. The app uses sophisticated location-based services to alert citizens of the need for CPR in a public place, and directs them to the exact location of the nearest public access automated external defibrillator (AED).

To date, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has nearly 4,000 PulsePoint app subscribers. Citizens are encouraged to download the free app for their smartphone from either iTunes or Google Play. Heather Roms has stated that she is willing to share her experience with local media; her contact information can be obtained from the on-duty PIO via the pager number listed above.

Visit TVF&R's website for more information on the PulsePoint app.

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