



News Release

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Recognition Event: April 17, 2013 at 2:30 pm
Washington Square Mall, Summit Conference Room
(2nd floor, off the food court, at the Mall Office entrance)
Media are welcome to attend

Individuals to be Recognized for Providing Aid to a Cardiac Arrest Patient

On March 12, 2013, at approximately 12:46 pm, a 92-year old WWII veteran and his son were visiting the Washington Square Mall in Tigard when the elderly gentleman suffered a cardiac arrest. Fortunately, several people rushed to the patient's side to render aid. Within seconds of his collapse, calls were made to 9-1-1, security personnel grabbed their Automatic External Defibrillator ([AED](#)), and several citizens provided [life-saving CPR](#) until TVF&R paramedics arrived and began advanced medical treatment.

TVF&R Chief Mark Stevens states, *“Even though our paramedics arrived in less than five minutes to provide advanced life support, the CPR that was administered by these citizens prior to our arrival was a key component to this patient being revived.”*

Ordinary citizens came to the aid of a stranger that day – and by administering early CPR, they bought him precious time. After a few days in ICU, the patient was able to spend quality time with his family before his unfortunate passing on March 17th. It is for their selfless actions that the following people will be formally recognized on April 17th.

CPR Providers*: Derek Osting and Dr. Steven Urman

Mall Security: Brad Fischer, Eric Mangle, Ralph Bentley, and Sean Ward

**An additional citizen provided early CPR but left the scene before their name and contact information could be obtained.*

Every year, over 300,000 people die from sudden cardiac arrest, many before ever reaching a hospital. When citizens are willing and able to provide early CPR and AEDs are readily available, the chances of a patient surviving a cardiac event are increased. TVF&R strongly supports AEDs in targeted public areas where large numbers of people gather such as schools, health clubs, community centers, office complexes and shopping centers such as Washington Square. Jonae Armstrong, Senior Property Manager at Washington Square states, *“At Washington Square our guests and retailers are always a top priority and we go the extra mile to ensure we are prepared to assist in any situation that may arise. Our team members are trained and certified in CPR and AEDs every year.”*

TVF&R recently became the first fire department in Oregon to offer a free mobile phone app called PulsePoint that alerts subscribers to a cardiac arrest if it occurs in a public place within 1/4 mile radius of their location. To learn more about PulsePoint, visit www.tvfr.com.