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### **Meniffee Fire Department Enhanced with Advanced Equipment**

MENIFEE- On Monday, December 17, the Meniffee Fire Department initiated AutoPulse Resuscitation Systems on all City of Meniffee fire apparatus, further enhancing the public safety service provided to Meniffee residents, as approved unanimously by the Meniffee City Council on September 19, 2018.

“Enhancing the service that the Meniffee Fire Department gives is a main priority for the Meniffee Fire Department,” said Meniffee Chief Geoff Pemberton. “With these additions to the department’s resources, we are elevating the level of service provided to Meniffee residents and offering a high level of care to patients.”

The AutoPulse Resuscitation System is an emergency medical device used to enhance the care and management of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) victims and will be carried on a fire apparatus. The cardiac resuscitation device will work in conjunction with existing medical equipment and will assist Advance Life Support (ALS) Fire Department Paramedic Units in performing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The Auto Pulse is a mechanical device intended to perform high quality chest compressions with an emphasis on improving blood flow to the heart and brain without interruptions, even while moving the victim through hallways, elevators, down stairs, to the gurney, etc. The goal of the AutoPulse, and the entire resuscitation system is to limit the interruption of performing high quality CPR while allowing Firefighter Paramedics to perform other essential ALS techniques and functions during the resuscitation.

The AutoPulse Resuscitation Systems were funded by reserve funds that are collected from AMR fine monies and must be used specifically for enhancements to emergency medical services.

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Meniffee is a vibrant, new city of more than 90,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Meniffee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Meniffee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Meniffee one of the state's most promising new cities.*