

# Pulaski EMTs Save Lives with New Cardiac Defibrillator

A LifePak15 was purchased by the city of Somerset with a State Homeland Security Program grant through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. It was needed as the number of crews that are sent out has become increasingly higher.

Somerset-Pulaski County EMS is currently running six crews between 7 a.m.-11 p.m. and three crews during 11 p.m.-7 a.m.

There have been many instances when all crews were on call and two more crews had to be sent from office staff. This happens once every month because of wrecks in the area, weather conditions, and the services needed for other incidents.

The LifePak15 is equipped with leads and an EKG machine that can save and share information with hospital staff. Once a patient is taken care of, the LifePak15 will automatically generate a report for the hospital.



One feature that seemed well received was the ability of the machine to actually transmit data directly to the hospital in real time for the medical staff to look at, assess, and call in other personnel to assist in treatment.

Officials said there were many times EMTs would roll the patient directly to an attendant who was completely up to speed on the condition of the patient. This lessened critical time needed for heart attack victims as the longer treatment is delayed, the more damage to heart muscles.

# Legislators Shown Heavy Search and Rescue Capabilities

First responders from across the state displayed different types of rescue equipment for state legislators on the Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee.



There were about 16 pieces of technical search-and-rescue equipment and 40 personnel participating in the event on July 11 behind the Capitol Annex building. Personnel from all the units showed the various kinds of equipment and explained the expertise it takes to perform different types of specialized rescues. KOHS provided assistance in purchasing some of the equipment.

