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## SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES AEDs

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office has received 12 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) through a cooperative grant of \$12,000 made available through the 3A Emergency Preparedness Coalition.

The Coalition consists of public health care providers, hospital preparedness staff and EMT personnel from eight counties in northwest Iowa. The counties included in 3A are Lyon, Sioux, Osceola, O'Brien, Dickinson, Emmet, Clay and Palo Alto.

Goals of the coalition include providing lifesaving equipment to rural emergency responders. One of the gaps identified during this process is to equip law enforcement officers who arrive first on scene at an emergency to be able to have access to an AED.

Sioux County Chief Deputy Nate Huizenga said, "We really appreciate all of our partners in the coalition who spent the time and effort to see and fill this need. Deputies are often the first responders to medical calls, especially in rural areas. Having access to this equipment before an ambulance arrives could save someone's life."

Deputy Sheriffs in Sioux County are trained in the use of the AED's along with their CPR recertification training every two years.



Pictured left to right: Deb VanderPlas-Community Health Partners of Sioux County, Gayla Vaandrager-Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley, Barb Vermeer-Sioux Center Health, Liza Schouten-Orange City Area Health System, Chief Deputy Nate Huizenga-Sioux County Sheriff's Office and Chris Mueller-Hawarden Regional Healthcare.