Yakima County Sheriff’s Office Press Release  
For Immediate Release  

Date: May 12, 2020  

Incident Number: 20c07493  

Incident/Offense: Medical Aid response / AED Deployment  

Location: 400 Block of South Camas Avenue Wapato, Washington  

Incident Date and Time: May 11, 2020 / 1714 hours  

At 1714 hours on May 11, 2020 Wapato Police Department Officers responded to the report of a female that had collapsed, was unresponsive and not breathing. Residents were at the scene were performing CPR on the 66-year-old female at the time of the 911 call.  

Wapato Police Officer Charles Lawther started providing CPR when he arrived. Deputy Nicholas Grosz responded to assist as he was in the area at the time of the dispatched call. At the request of Officer Lawther, Deputy Grosz retrieved his Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) from his patrol vehicle. The AED was deployed as a life-saving measure for the victim. Wapato Police Officer Justin Loundsbury also assisted with providing the victim with CPR after the use of the AED. Fire Department took over medical aid for the victim when they arrived.  

The woman that collapsed is still in critical condition, but alive at a local hospital. Fire personnel stated that they believe without the actions of these law enforcement officers, the victim would not be alive.  

Please contact the Yakima County Sheriff’s Office (509-574-2500) or Crimes Stoppers at (800) 248-9980/www.crimestoppersyakco.org if you have any information related to this investigation.  

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