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GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Greetings,

I would like to draw attention to the exceptional added efforts displayed by Grand Rapids Police Officer Ashley Moran regarding solicitation of funds for 15 Zoll AED Plus Units with a total valued at \$24,785.

Late in 2021, Officer Ashley Moran recognized that we had multiple different makes and models of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Having a limited number of units required each to be exchanged between officers ending their shifts and officers beginning their shift. The different AED units required different handling and different AED pads. This scenario was understood to be less than ideal but was better than nothing.

Officer Ashley Moran identified the issue, recognized a possible solution, approached GRPD Leadership and took on the goal of finding funding allowing for the purchase of 15 Zoll AED Plus units. Each new Zoll AED Plus unit cost approximately \$1,400. Ashley made contact with numerous different civic groups, applied for area grants, approached potential individual donors and provided multiple short AED presentations. Ashley's efforts ultimately secured \$24,785 from nine (9) gracious area donors. Grand Rapids City Council sporadically accepted these donations as they continued to trickle in throughout early 2022. Due to Ashley's tireless efforts, we now have all GRPD Patrol Squads and CSO equipped with new Zoll AED Plus Units.

Ashley's initiative and determination has enhanced GRPD's abilities to more effectively respond to medical emergencies. I hope this letter finds a place within her personnel file very near to past accolades and compliments.

Thank you for your time,

Andy Morgan
Grand Rapids Police