



## **REDDING FIRE & EMS Co. #1**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Distribution**

**Date: May 8, 2017**

**Location: 100 Black Rock Tpke., Joel Barlow High School**

**Incident Type: Medical Emergency**

At 1709 hrs. the Redding 911 Communication Center received a call for service at 100 Black Rock Tpke., Joel Barlow High School for a person experiencing a medical emergency at the school's tennis courts.

As emergency units were responding, it was reported that the patient had stopped breathing and a pulse was not detected. With guidance from emergency dispatchers, cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructions were provided to bystanders. As chest compressions were being administered the high school's automated external defibrillator (AED) was applied by Joel Barlow High School staff. After successful application, a shock was delivered and compressions were continued.

At 1711 hrs, First Responders from the Redding Fire & EMS Co.#1, West Redding Fire Department and Redding Police Department arrived to provide a continuation of medical treatment. Two additional shocks were delivered prior to the arrival of the ambulance at which time a mechanical CPR device was applied to provide compressions. Upon arrival of the Paramedic from Western Connecticut Health Network, advanced life support measures were established.

While enroute to Danbury Hospital, advanced cardiac life support protocols were followed and the patient regained a heartbeat, spontaneous respirations and a measurable blood pressure. The patient was admitted to Danbury Hospital where they received definitive medical care culminating with their release several days later.

It must be noted that without the early initiation of CPR, application and usage of an AED by Joel Barlow staff, and prompt response by Emergency Medical Service resources that this positive patient outcome could have been much different. The collaborative effort displayed by all entities involved defines the true essence of the Town of Redding.

Fire Chief Sean McKenney

