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Helpful Facts From Experts

Cardiac Arrest Survivor Says, “Every Day’s A Joy Now”

(NAPSA)—More than 450,000 Americans suffer from cardiac arrest, which is when the heart stops pumping, resulting in a loss of blood flow and consciousness.

Jim Murphy was lucky. He survived thanks to New York’s Lake Mohegan Fire District (LMFD) paramedics and a device called the ZOLL AutoPulse, which does what humans can rarely do—perform near-perfect CPR.



The device compresses a victim’s entire chest and automatically does CPR chest compressions.

Studies show that even when done well, traditional manual CPR only provides minimal blood flow needed for survival. Additionally, CPR is tiring and hard to do in some places.

The AutoPulse, from ZOLL Medical Corporation, is a device comprised of a backboard and a LifeBand fastened across a victim’s chest. Once fastened, the LifeBand adjusts automatically to the patient before starting automated chest compressions.

“I’m glad the fire department had it,” Murphy said. “Otherwise, I would be dead. Every day’s a joy now.”