

Sheriff's Deputies Assist in Reviving Teenager at Great Mills High School

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Lt. Eva Jones at a Stop the Bleed training event in 2018

Great Mills, MD - February 10, 2020 - A student at Great Mills High School recently collapsed during basketball practice and stopped breathing. Working together, school staff, emergency responders and two deputies of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office successfully revived the 17-year-old student.

On the evening of Feb. 4, 2020, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to Great Mills High School for the report of a person not breathing. Lt. Eva Jones and Deputy Andrew Burgess both arrived on the scene and continued life-saving measures.

As Deputy Burgess arrived on scene, Great Mills High School Athletic Trainer Haley Squires was already performing chest compressions while using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on the student. Deputy Burgess then took over chest compressions while Squires continued rescue breaths with a bag-valve mask.

Upon her arrival, Lt. Jones assessed that the student had no pulse and CPR continued. The St. Mary's County Advanced Life Support Unit (ALS) also arrived on scene. Certified in Advanced Life Support, Lt. Jones placed the student on the cardiac monitor. She analyzed the patient's heart rhythm and delivered a shock through the AED. The student's pulse returned, and the student began trying to breathe again. EMS personnel took over and continued patient care.

The student was transported to Trooper 7 at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport and then flown to a regional hospital for treatment. The student is recovering from the incident.

AED devices are present at all St. Mary's County public schools and all Sheriff's Deputies are certified in CPR and AED use as part of their first-responder duties.

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