

# Portsmouth police officer saves man's life with AED while off-duty and out of state

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PORTSMOUTH — One cop didn't mention he saved a man's life from a heart attack while he was off-duty and out of the state, but police chief David Mara found out when a letter of thanks arrived at the station from a witness.

Mara was proud of Bill Werner Jr., who relied on his emergency medical training to help the victim. Seacoastonline reported Mara saying the event showed what kind of police officers the department has.

The victim was a player on a South Carolina ball field where Werner was visiting. The letter writer, David Witz, described how Werner used an AED to administer shocks to the victim's chest for 20 minutes before paramedics arrived.

Witz said that without the assistance of Werner, the man may have been lost.

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