



Civilian Revived At Altona Correctional Facility

Officers Perform Lifesaving Measures

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Altona, NY – Officers at Altona Correctional Facility performed lifesaving measures on a civilian volunteer who had become unresponsive in a school chapel on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

An officer heard volunteers in the chapel yelling for help at approximately 8:45 a.m. The officer entered the chapel and found one of the volunteers had collapsed. The officer radioed in a medical emergency and applied an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the male volunteer, administering one shock as indicated by the AED.

Two additional officers arrived at the chapel, one assisting with chest compressions while the second officer performed rescue breathing. The officers continued CPR until the victim started breathing on his own. Medical staff arrived to take over treatment and called for an ambulance.

The volunteer, who performs church services for inmates, was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for further treatment. He was breathing and alert when he was transported.

“I would like to commend the officers at Altona Correctional Facility for their quick and alert actions. Without the assistance of medical staff, they put their training and experience into action and it certainly was instrumental in saving the civilian’s life. In little over a week, officers have played a role in saving two lives in Northern Region Correctional Facilities. NYSCOPBA is extremely proud of all those officers involved.” – said John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President.