



Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

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To: Honorable Mark Hass, Chair – Senate Education & Workforce Development Committee,
and Members of the Committee

From: Fire Chief Michael R. Duyck, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Regarding: Testimony regarding Senate Bill 275

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Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue expresses its support for Senate Bill 275.

Annually, over 300,000 people experience a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital. Many die before ever reaching a hospital due to not receiving timely CPR. Sudden cardiac arrest can strike anyone, anywhere. And when it does, a patient's survival depends on the people around them. When provided quickly, CPR doubles the chance of survival for a cardiac patient.

I am proud that within TVF&R's service area, our cardiac survival rates exceed the national average. For several years now, our rates have ranged between 11% and 23%. I attribute this, not only to our department's investment in paramedics and advanced cardiac drugs and equipment on every unit, but our community's demonstrated willingness to perform hands-only CPR during a cardiac event.

In November 2011, TVF&R and Valley Catholic Middle School (Beaverton) implemented the first partnership in Oregon between a fire department and school to teach hands-only CPR to the community. **Since that time, 150 8th grade students from Valley Catholic Middle School have taught hands-only CPR to over 2,100 community members, including Vancouver resident, Angela Winemeuller, who had the chance to render aid to a cardiac patient in her hometown on February 24th, ONE DAY after learning hands-only CPR!**

Every 25 seconds someone has a cardiac arrest. If a cardiac arrest struck you, your loved one, or friend, wouldn't you want to know that help is nearby? Senate Bill 275, requiring all Oregon students to be trained in CPR before graduating from high school, will bring more than 45,000 trained lifesavers to our community every year.

Help us save more lives. Please support Senate Bill 275.

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