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## Chiefland increases AEDs; *Fanning Springs gets interim chief*



**Chiefland Fire Chief James Harris and Chiefland Fire Rescue Capt. D.C. 'Cal' Morgan stand near the recently added AEDs. In fact, Chief Harris is holding one in each hand. Meanwhile, Chiefland Mayor Betty Walker and Vice Mayor Chris Jones are in the background after the regular meeting Monday night (Nov. 14).**

### Story and Photo

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**CHIEFLAND** – Two municipal fire departments in Levy County recently obtained new equipment and leadership.

Chiefland Fire Rescue now has more equipment to save heart attack victims.

Fanning Springs Mayor Howell E. “Trip” Lancaster appointed Roy Bass as the Fanning Springs Fire Department’s interim chief. Bass serves at the Dixie County Fire Services as a lieutenant. Mayor Lancaster said he will be meeting with the City Council to determine a method for selecting the next fire chief there, following the retirement of former Chief Ron McQueen.

The City of Fanning Springs is partly in Gilchrist County as well as being in Levy County. As for Chiefland, it continues to improve.

Fire Chief James Harris and Capt. D.C. “Cal” Morgan of Chiefland Fire Rescue shared with the Chiefland City Commission on Monday night (Nov. 14) an update on the increase of Automatic Electronic Defibrillation devices in the city as a result of Capt. Morgan’s work.

There were nine AEDs on display Monday night in the City Commission meeting room of the Hardy Dean Sr. Municipal Building (Chiefland City Hall).

Three of those AEDs are to be given to the Chiefland Police Department to carry in cruisers. Two other AEDs were given to the city for its use in other departments.

As for the CFR, there is now an AED on every vehicle in the fleet, including two on the squad vehicle, which responds to the most EMS calls.

So adding to the two on the squad CFR unit, there are AEDs on Engine 71, Pumper 71, Truck

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71. Brush 71 and the fire chief's pickup truck, Capt. Morgan said after the meeting.

The nine units just purchased by the CFR for \$2,800 would have cost \$30,000 plus, considering the extra batteries and other equipment the city obtained. That is less than 10 percent of the cost.

During the meeting, Capt. Morgan thanked the City Commission for allowing him to go forward with obtaining more AEDs.

Capt. Morgan said all of the AEDs at the CFR now are of the same brand and they have interchangeable parts.

This is an improvement over the previous inventory, which consisted of a few different brands.