



## CITY OF COMPTON

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### **COMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS PROGRAM**

**Compton, CA** – The following statement is from Compton Mayor Aja Brown on the Compton Fire Department's use of defibrillators:

“The Compton Fire Department's main priority continues to be to provide the highest level of pre-hospital basic and advanced life support with the best possible customer service.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are tools that assist Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel in the event of a cardiac emergency when the paramedics are not available. They are not a mandatory piece of equipment and not having them does not place citizens at great risk. All paramedics that service the City of Compton carry defibrillators and with their short arrival times, the units carried by EMS personnel are hardly ever used. Currently, they are used an average of 9 times per year.

While participation in the program is not mandatory for EMS personnel, we see AED units as a valuable tool and believe by having them available we can better service citizens.

After meeting with Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency, the Compton Fire Department is on track to have their participation in the AED reinstated within the next three weeks.”

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*several booming industries, among them transit and distribution, high technology, home and lifestyle products, metals, financial services, and textile manufacturing.*

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