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### **Kent County Makes Delaware the First State Entirely Implemented with the PulsePoint Life-Saving Technology**

**Dover, Del.** – Kent County Department of Public Safety proudly announces the launch of PulsePoint, a technology solution to increase the chain of survival options to victims of cardiac arrest. With Kent County's launch, Delaware is the first and only state to have this technology statewide.

"This new and exciting opportunity backed by evidenced based data will without a doubt provide our citizens and visitors greater hope in surviving cardiac arrest," said Chief Faulkner.

PulsePoint is a smartphone application that runs in the background of a user's phone and notifies citizens with registered CPR certification of a possible CPR event nearby. The app only activates if the incident is happening in a public place, and does not activate for residential addresses. The app is free and can be downloaded by searching PulsePoint in the app store of an Android or iOS device.

The PulsePoint app connects to the Kent County Public Safety Communications Center so when a notification is made on the app, dispatch of advanced medical service will be made simultaneously with public notification.

CPR can sustain life until paramedics arrive and another feature beneficial to the public is the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) locator. The PulsePoint app allows the report and update of AED locations so that emergency responders, including nearby citizens trained in CPR and off-duty professionals can find an AED close to them when a cardiac emergency occurs.

According to Kent County Public Safety officials, since PulsePoint's launch last week, there have been two uses. A New England Journal of Medicine study reports that using a mobile-phone positioning system to dispatch lay volunteers trained in CPR has made a significant impact among persons with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, which is goal for Kent County Department of Public Safety connecting with the PulsePoint system.

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