

TUCSON & MANITOBA PAY IT FORWARD

In recognition of the hard work and perseverance the Tucson Roadrunners & Manitoba Moose training staff's showed last Fall during Craig Cunningham's critical on-ice medical emergency, with the help of Rick Garner of Pro Sports EMS, Philips Medical Systems provided an AED to their teams for them to donate.

Matt Harder and Deven Alves of the Tucson Roadrunners and Scott Macleod and Jake Wolff of the Manitoba Moose medical staffs, the individuals involved in the Craig Cunningham incident last November, decided to donate the AED, provided by Philips Medical Systems, to the University of North Dakota's Athletic Training Education Program in their Department of Sports Medicine.



Steve Westering, the Director of the Division of Sports Medicine at the University of North Dakota, with the donated AED.

“We felt the UND ATEP would be a worthy recipient of this Philips AED because it is a smaller, and lower budgeted program compared with other ATEPs throughout the nation. Also, Jake Wolff, Manitoba Moose's Assistant Athletic Trainer and Strength and Conditioning Coach and I are alumni and were actually roommates during our time at school together.” explained Matt Harder.

Matt spoke with UND's Sports Medicine Staff and they were thrilled to be accepting a new AED, as well as excited to have alumni representing the UND's Department of Sports Medicine in a positive way.

“We also had discussions on ways they plan on altering their education program to include more teaching and training on emergency cardiac events. We felt this was a fitting organization to donate to because of Jake’s and my relationship to the program and university as well as the opportunity to increase awareness, education, and training on emergency cardiac events.” Matt went on to say.

They strongly feel that their goal and duty as medical professionals is to increase awareness and education on all medical treatment and care, especially emergency life-threatening care.

“If we could help influence the awareness and education of events that we were exposed to last November, at the educational level itself, we felt we would be contributing to the growth and development of our profession,” said Matt.