

## Defibrillators on Buses

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**The Question:** Do you recall a situation where defibrillators on buses would have made a difference for a passenger on board one of your buses? If yes, please give an approximate time (10 years ago, five years ago, this year) and a brief overview of the situation.

**Ben Franklin Transit** says... Actually no, Ben Franklin Transit has been very fortunate not to have had any medical situations that would have benefited by having an AED. This is something we've thought about getting (one) for our facility over the past years, but did not follow through with purchasing one.

**Clallam Transit** says... NO.

**Community Transit** says... We do not have the devices on the coaches. However, we do have three portable units in our three main buildings. Fortunately we have not had any reason to need them.

**Grays Harbor Transit** says... No I do not recall a time where a defibrillator would have made a difference on one of our busses. As a matter of fact I can't ever recall that type of medical emergency ever happening on one of our busses.

**Intercity Transit** says... I do not recall, in my 17 years at IT, ever having an instance when a defibrillator was or would have been used.

**Jefferson Transit** says... Over the 22+ years of Jefferson Transit there would have been zero opportunities to use a defibrillator. Maybe tomorrow.

**Kitsap Transit** says... We've got great EMS in Kitsap County so we've never considered defibrillators over here. No one in Routed Ops or ACCESS Ops can recall an incident where it would have made a difference.

**Link Transit** says... No, not on the buses in thirteen years of service. However, we just purchased two defibrillators and installed one in our multi-modal station and one in our Administrative/Operations base.

**Mason Transit** says... No, there have been no situations aboard MTA vehicles.

**Valley Transit** says... I cannot recall in the past 20 years any situation where a defibrillator would have helped any of our passengers. Our system only covers Walla Walla and College Place and our Paramedic response time is about 3 to 5 minutes system wide.

**Twin Transit** says... We have had no reported/recorded incidents of a passenger going into cardiac arrest on one of our buses (for the entire history of Twin Transit). This includes no reported incidents to bystanders or anyone else the driver might have been in contact with. However, we have had at least 3 incidents that I know of in which a passenger passed out, and the driver suspected heart attack. In those cases, 911 was called and paramedics responded and treated the person. If defibrillators had been available, they might have been used incorrectly.

