



Keys Health Ready Coalition Expands Lifesaving CPR Training for Monroe County First Responders

Monroe County, FL – The Keys Health Ready Coalition (KHRC) is proud to announce the continued expansion of the **Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI) Program**, a state-of-the-art CPR training initiative designed to keep first responders confident, prepared, and ready to save lives at a moment's notice. KHRC initially sponsored the pilot year in full through the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant. Building on that success, KHRC applied for the first time to the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK) Grant Program in September 2024 and was awarded a one-time commitment to help subsidize program costs. The local health care coalition has the goal of securing future support and expanding the program to more fire departments, police departments, and city employees.

Funded solely through grants, the RQI program allows KHRC to subsidize the cost of basic life-saving curriculum across Monroe County's fire rescue and emergency response agencies. This investment ensures that **every resident benefits** from having highly trained first responders equipped with the skills and confidence to deliver lifesaving care.

"Every second counts in a medical emergency," said Megan Bosi, Readiness and Response Coordinator of Keys Health Ready Coalition. "This program makes sure our firefighters, paramedics, and first responders are not only certified but constantly practicing their skills in real-time, giving our residents the best chance at survival."

Unlike traditional CPR certification courses that occur only every two years, the RQI system provides ongoing, hands-on practice throughout the year. This modern approach to training:

- Ensures competency and confidence in real-world emergency response
- Keeps staff up-to-date with the latest lifesaving practices
- Strengthens community resilience and public safety
- Reduces costs for local departments by providing a sustainable, subsidized training model

Monroe County residents can rest assured that their first responders are always prepared for cardiac emergencies, not just after completing a certification course. The program also promotes workforce readiness and retention by giving firefighters and emergency personnel access to cutting-edge training tools.

The Keys Health Ready Coalition thanks all local fire rescue and emergency agencies for their commitment to protecting Monroe County residents and visitors. Together, we are building a stronger, safer, and more resilient community.



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About Keys Health Ready Coalition, Inc.

Keys Health Ready Coalition, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and promoting healthcare preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities for hazards and disasters in Monroe County, Florida.