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Dear Pender County and Municipalities Management Team,

Over the past year, Pender EMS & Rescue has been on a mission to reduce overall response time especially for cardiac arrest situations. To assist our efforts we placed Automatic External Defibrillators in police vehicles, high schools and some first response capable fire departments. The AED's were purchased through a generous grant from the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation which has been gracious enough to continue our mission by granting PEMS even more funds this year for 15 additional AED's. PEMS has been focused on providing the best care possible for all those who live, visit or travel through our county and we have approached the American Heart Association to recognize our efforts by designating Pender County as a "Heart Safe Community."

Heart Safe Community is a new concept developed by the AHA to recognize communities that have placed AED's in easy access areas for a community response to sudden onset of cardiac arrest; have a centralized monitoring center for the AED program; community training for CPR and AED use; support of the program by leaders of the community i.e. county commissioners, mayors, town councils, county managers; endorsement of the program from the local health department.

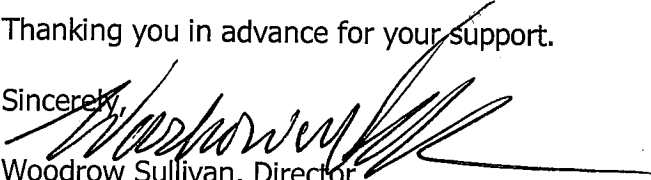
Pender EMS and the Pender County Health Department encourages the leaders of our county to support or efforts to have Pender County designated as a "Heart Safe Community" by the AHA. We would be the first county in North Carolina to have this honor. Mr. Mark Walker of the North Carolina AHA is assisting PEMS in this effort on the national level.

Pender EMS in conjunction with the Pender County Health Department and the North Carolina chapter of the American Heart Association ask for your participation in an upcoming Pender County Commissioners Meeting, April 17, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss this in further detail on how this designation will benefit our county.

If you are interested in participating in this wonderful endeavor please contact Mr. Woody Sullivan, Director, Pender EMS & Rescue by email (wsullivan@penderems.com) or 910-675-9198 ext. 106.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,


Woodrow Sullivan, Director
Pender EMS and Rescue