

News Release

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Paramedics Get New Life-Saving Tool

Clark County Fire District 6 firefighter/paramedics now have an extra tool to help save lives. The video laryngoscope uses a tiny camera and high-definition screen to help paramedics place breathing tubes into the airways of critical patients.

“During intubation the view can easily be obstructed by soft tissues or secretion,” said Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Captain Mike Hollingsworth. “This device will greatly improve the chance of placing the tube faster and more accurately.”

Before, paramedics had to look from outside the mouth down the patient’s throat. Now, with the tiny camera and display screen, they’re able to get an enlarged view of the airway and opening of the lungs, reducing chances of improper tube placement and increasing chances of survivability for patients. Those suffering from a trauma injury, respiratory or cardiac arrest are most likely to need intubation to maintain or establish breathing.

Fire District 6 is the first agency in Clark County to use the video laryngoscope. By April, Clark County hopes to have all paramedics using the tool.

Each video laryngoscope costs \$1,000. They were paid for with a grant from EMS District #2.

About Clark County Fire District 6:

Clark County Fire District 6 provides fire suppression and emergency medical/paramedic services to citizens living in the Hazel Dell, Lakeshore, Salmon Creek, Fairgrounds and Mount Vista areas of Clark County, Washington.

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