



AED Device Keeps Man Alive to tell his Survival Story

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TOLEDO (13abc Action News) – A Friday morning started the same for Thomas Dipman who works at Doral Steel in Toledo until around 11 a.m. when he went into sudden cardiac arrest.

“I thought I should sit down and that was it,” said Dipman. “[that was] The last thing I remember until I woke up in a squad.”

While his co-workers were springing into action to keep Dipman alive, his wife Tina Dipman was at work worrying about her husband she said.



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“Panic, being scared um getting there in time,” that’s what was going through her mind Tina told 13abc.



Time was of the essence to keep Dipman alive. Employees at Doral Steel pulled out their Automatic External Defibrillator, turned it on and it sent a shock wave through Dipman.

“Without our people thinking clearly and knowing when they left the office to grab the AED and grab the oxygen mask, because if they get back there and have to run back there that’s more valuable time,” said Jay Gerkin, the General Manager at Toledo’s Doral Steel.

“I never knew they had an AED here,” said Tina. “So I was just so grateful because he wouldn’t be here otherwise.”

Rick Doran with Toledo Fire and Rescue said, it was a team effort from by employees at Doral Steel that made it a smooth process for his department.

Doran said, “from the street all the way to the truck. Very impressive. Very impressive. There team was amazing.”

Now, a man who said he has been working at Doral Steel for more than 20 years has more days to look forward to.

“It was truly a miracle that everyone was in the right spot at the right time,” added Tina.

“I thank just everybody that was standing hoping for the best, saying a prayer that responded and knew how to use the AED,” said Dipman.

