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Bandera County commissioners approve No Wake Zone and purchase CPR chest compression system

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Bandera County commissioners approved the designation of a No Wake Zone on Medina Lake at Elm Cove in Scenic Harbor Estates.

"We are experiencing increased incidents," Pct. 2 Commissioner Bobby Harris said, referencing water crafts racing through the cove.

Harris said the resultant wakes are damaging docks, and recently caused a child to be thrown from her float which was tied down.

"Game wardens are in favor of this," Harris said.

The No Wake Zone will be marked by buoys, purchased by Scenic Harbor Estates, 75 feet from the shoreline. With commissioners' approval, the game wardens will be able to issue citations for those in violation.

CPR device purchase approved

Commissioners approved the purchase of an automatic CPR device, which provides automatic chest compressions. EMS Director Calvin Plummer said the machine, the county's second, would be placed in an ambulance furthest away from the other - ideally one in Bandera and one in Lakehills.

The cost of the machine, \$19,723.27, would be reimbursed by the county's COVID-19 relief grant. Plummer said the unit would not only help reduce close contact with patients during pandemic concerns, but would also assist EMTs when compressions are necessary for long

periods. He said a recent patient recently received 25 minutes of CPR until the county's one unit arrived on scene.

"CPR takes a lot of work," Plummer said, adding the machine frees EMTs hands to do other work on a patient.

Plummer said he would like to have a CPR chest compression unit on each of the county's four ambulances, but having one on each end of the county is an improvement.

"It's not a perfect solution, but it's a step in the right direction," Harris said.

The next Commissioners' Court session is this Thursday, July 23, at 10 a.m., in the Bandera County courthouse.