

A New Twist on CPR

Chapter Problem Response

Normally one thinks of CPR as an acronym for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, which is described as a “lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies.” Here in the GWRRA we promote CPR as described and many of our members are certified in its techniques. But for now, let’s take the acronym to a different level and put a new lifesaving twist on it, **Chapter Problem Response**.

If you came across someone having a heart attack or choking and you were certified in CPR, you would step up and take immediate action to save that person’s life. You know the signs, you calmly take control of the situation and do what needs to be done to save that person.

Now let’s say as a District Director, you have a Chapter that is dying. Do you know the signs? Do you know how to calmly take control of the situation? Do you know what needs to be done to save that chapters life? We are offering Chapter Problem Response as a way to do these things and save a chapters life.

First of all, what are the “Red Flags” that the District Director should be looking for in a chapter that is struggling? When we talk about true lifesaving techniques, you might notice that the person is clutching their chest or throat, gasping for air or sweating profusely. What signs would you notice if a chapter was struggling with life? Do you notice that functions, activities and memberships are dwindling? Is communication lacking? Are the chapter finances in good shape? Are the chapter offices filled with fresh new ideas and excited officers?

Once the signs have been identified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, you take charge. You have been trained you know what to do to save that life. You calmly step up, display a positive attitude and take action. The same needs to be done with Chapter Problem Response. We are offering you the tool to help see the warning signs of a chapter in trouble along with suggested resolutions to bring that chapter back to life and keep it healthy. These solutions were put together by a panel of District Directors that struggle with the same problems as you in the hopes that they will save or renew a chapter that is struggling for its life.

Now you have it, our new twist on a “lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies”, Chapter Problem Response. The document will be available in the Officer Connection. Use it and the next life you save may be that of a dying chapter.