

Lee County's preparedness

Saved on the field, back in the game: How Lee County's preparedness saved a father's life.

In November 2024, 64-year-old Keenan Brown collapsed from cardiac arrest while playing baseball at a seniors' tournament at the Lee County Sports Complex. Security Supervisor Tony Nazarro immediately responded, retrieving a nearby Avive Connect AED® and delivering two lifesaving shocks before EMS arrived. Thanks to this quick action and accessible AED technology, Keenan survived. One year later, Keenan returned to the same tournament as a player, joined by his wife and three young children, demonstrating the life-saving impact of a prepared community.



When

November 2024

Where

Lee County, FL

AED Location

Lee County Sports Complex



186
Avive Connect AEDs
in Lee County



00:45
45 seconds from AED activation to pads placed



00:27
27 seconds from pads placed to first shock delivered

“I remember nothing until waking up and seeing all these people standing around me. I saw an AED next to me and I saw Tony. I got a lot of heroes, but he's one of them up near the top. He's always in a prayer. And that AED, can't even begin to say that's what did it.”

Keenan Brown | Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor in Lee County, FL

“Every single AED unit that I’ve ever picked up, I’ve had different systems. This has been the easiest one I’ve used so far. It just talked to you and you didn’t even have to push a button. It tells you we’re gonna shock him. Stand clear, you yell, stand clear. And it did the shock.”

Tony Nazarro, Rescuer | Rescuer

In November 2024, 64-year-old Keenan Brown was doing what he loved, playing baseball at a seniors' tournament at the Lee County Sports Complex, when he suddenly collapsed from cardiac arrest. In an instant, a normal game day turned into a life-or-death emergency.

Lee County Sports Complex Security Supervisor Tony Nazarro was stationed nearby, heard commotion, and immediately recognized what was happening. He moved quickly to retrieve a nearby Avive Connect AED, which are mounted at public access points throughout the complex, and began providing care before EMS arrived. Guided by the device's instructions, Tony delivered lifesaving treatment, giving Keenan the critical chance he needed to survive.

One year later, in November 2025, Keenan returned to the very same tournament - not as a patient, but as a player. This time, he was joined by his wife, Janine, and their three young children cheering him on from the sidelines. The field where his life was once saved had become a place of celebration, resilience, and gratitude. Keenan's return is a powerful reminder of what's possible when communities like Lee County are prepared.

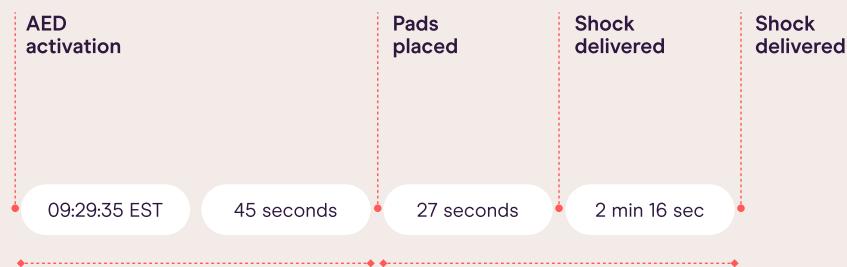
This rescue was no coincidence. Lee County has made a deliberate investment in public safety by installing more than 180 Avive AEDs throughout county buildings and public access locations, including the sports complex where Keenan collapsed. These devices are designed to be intuitive and reliable, empowering bystanders to act quickly and effectively in high-stress moments. County leadership gathered to recognize this save, highlighting it as a clear example of how this investment is already protecting lives.

As leaders reflected on this success, they also looked ahead. Sudden Cardiac Arrest doesn't only happen in public facilities - it happens in neighborhoods, homes, parks, and places where help may be minutes away. For a county with diverse geography and active outdoor communities, fast access to defibrillation is essential. That's why Lee County is exploring how to expand AED access beyond public buildings and into residential areas, working toward the goal of joining Avive's 4 Minute Community Program.

Keenan's story shows what can happen when the right people have the right tools at the right time. It proves that survival shouldn't depend on luck, but on preparation and access. By continuing to build on its commitment to lifesaving technology and

community readiness, Lee County is not only responding to emergencies - it's shaping a future where more families get the chance to cheer from the sidelines instead of waiting in uncertainty.

The timeline



“I am thankful that he’s here. I get to hold his hand every night and we go to bed, we wake up every day and it’s not an exaggeration. I tell him how thankful I am. He is such a family man, such a good husband. Nobody can ever, ever, ever replace him. He gave me my kids and a life that I only dreamt of.”

Janine Brown | Keenan’s Wife