



## PENNINGTON

# First Aid Squad informs, entertains with Open Bay Day

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On Sunday, July 31, the Pennington First Aid Squad held an Open Bay Day event, a family-friendly affair that invited folks to visit the squad's vehicle bay at 110 Broemel Place in Pennington, and learn about its services to the community. Squad volunteers opened the bay doors and drove out the large ambulances, while guests were able to tour the training facility.

"People who came said it was really fun and informative at the same time," said squad representative Sarah Hopkins. "One child was telling her dad how much fun she was having, while he was expressing surprise at how the event was able to keep kids' attention for so long."

According to Hopkins, the ambulances were open for exploring, and kids and adults were able to climb in and hear informative facts about how the vehicles operate.

"So often the only time a person experiences the back of an ambulance is during a

stressful time," Hopkins said. "Open Bay Day allowed for a non-threatening way for adults and children alike to learn more about how patients are treated and transported."

CPR instructor Rich Gordon was also on hand to give a demonstration of his own, explaining how the life-saving procedure has evolved and how best to implement it in an emergency while waiting for paramedics to arrive.

Folks who had interest in learning more about volunteering met with squad president Daniel Boone and squad captain Kirk Schmitt, who answered questions about the training of new members and the continuing education of existing members.

"Ultimately, it was a fun, informative way for the members of the community to meet the members of the squad and learn more about how they can make a difference too!" Hopkins said.

*For more information on the Pennington First Aid Squad, and to find out how you can volunteer, visit [www.pennington-firstaid.org](http://www.pennington-firstaid.org).*



A first aid squad member chats with a guest at Open Bay Day.

# How to Save a Life



Photo courtesy of Sarah Hopkins

CPR instructor Rich Gordon offers a demonstration to a guest at the Pennington First Aid Squad's Open Bay Day event, held Sunday, July 31 at the squad's headquarters at Broemel Place in Pennington. The event proved fun and entertaining for kids and adults, and provided information on how to volunteer. For more on this story, turn to page 6.