

# Ohio Gratings employees spring into action to save AVI Food worker

If you are going to collapse, do it close to someone who can help you. Ron Riegler found that out recently.

On his fourth day on the job for AVI Food Systems, he was at Ohio Gratings when he suddenly collapsed.

Fortunately, two Ohio Gratings employees saw him and sprung into action. Among them was Ed Tucker, the maintenance supervisor.

"I was part of a team that tried to help a person that was down," said Tucker. "I have been thanked for my actions many times and I am grateful, however I just want to let it be known that this was truly a team effort. From the person who went to flag down the EMS to Bob Gies calling 911. Bill Stanley retrieved the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), Chris Cason improvised and found a piece of plastic to use as PPE (Performance Protective Equipment) for mouth

to mouth, and Bill Casterline helped me access the person, get him in position, and continued monitoring and supporting him until EMS arrived.

"Ty Hilbert who took charge of the area, applied and administered the AED," Tucker continued. "The amazing thing, is the quick response of the EMS, and companies like Ohio Gratings that make the training available to their employees. As you can see I could not have done what I did had I not had the help of these people and others. To thank me is to thank all of us. This is the true meaning of team work, and I am proud to have been a part of this team."

At the time, no one knew what happened to Riegler. However, he did have a heart attack.

"My husband was blue, had no pulse and was not breathing," said Evie Riegler, a mortgage loan officer at American First Bancorp. "My husband was put on a ventilator in the emergency room at Aultman Hospital and my husband was in a coma for the first 18 hours. He jokes now that this new

job is a killer."

Ron had to have another angioplasty procedure last week, but Evie said he is going to be OK.

"Aultman was fabulous with their care of my husband. I am so appreciative," said Evie, who also credits the Perry Township EMS crew who worked on her husband during his trip to Aultman. Joe Diantonio, Derek Furbee, Tim Gatchell, Adam Reiger, and Harold Ritz.

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