

Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps. Gifts Ten Automated External Defibrillators to Saratoga County Sheriff Department

CLIFTON PARK, NY, February 17, 2015---Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps. (CPHM EMS) presented the gift of 10 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to the Saratoga County Sheriff Department on Tuesday, February 17th at their 15 Crossing Blvd. Clifton Park facility.

To commemorate American Heart Month, CPHM EMS Executive Director, **Joseph Santiago** (RN, BSN, EMT-P) Director of Operations, **Michael Seney**, (RN, NREMT-P) and Director of Administration, **Eric Hanchett** (NREMT-P, CMTE) purchased and presented a gift of ten AEDs to Saratoga County Sheriff **Michael Zurlo** and Chief **Richard Castle**. **Dr. Michael Daily**, Medical Director for the Regional Emergency Medical Organization (REMO), Clifton Park Town Supervisor **Phil Barrett**, and Halfmoon Town Supervisor **Kevin Tollisen** were also present.

CPHM EMS, a certified American Heart Association (AHA) training center is committed to establishing Saratoga County as a "HEARTsafe" Community. *HEARTsafe Communities* is a program designed to promote survival from out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). It is a general concept focused upon strengthening the "chain of survival"; *Immediate recognition of cardiac arrest and activation of emergency response system, CPR, Rapid Defibrillation, Effective Advanced Life Support and then Integrated post-cardiac arrest care.*

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. and over 350,000 people will suffer from SCA this year. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during SCA and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background.

CPHM EMS Director of Operations, Michael Seney said "With an AED onboard, the Sheriff's patrol unit will be able to potentially increase chances of survival in SCA by administering rapid defibrillation."

For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%. With Saratoga County Sheriff patrol units equipped with an AED device, law enforcement will be able to administer life saving care until first responders arrive on the scene.

According to the Sheriff, Michael H. Zurlo, "The addition of these 10 AEDs to our existing units will allow us to deploy AEDs in every part of Saratoga County. Our patrol units are on the road 24 hours a day and ready to respond at a moments notice generally, arriving first on the scene. All of our members are certified in CPR and our excellent Desk Officers in the 911 Center are trained to provide CPR instructions to callers in an emergency. The best chance for survival of a cardiac arrest occurs with early CPR and early defibrillation. With this generous gift from the Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps we are now in a better position than ever to provide these two vital links in the Chain of Survival. The men and women of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office are committed to our goal of making Saratoga County a safe place to live, work and raise a family. "

The funds used to purchase the AEDs were donated by Clifton Park and Halfmoon residents during the annual CPHM EMS Community Service Fund Drive.

To learn more about CPHM EMS American Heart Association Training Center and Community Outreach, please visit: www.cphmems.org

About Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps. (CPHMEMS)

Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps is a patient focused emergency medical service organization that has been providing professional and patient focused healthcare since 1950. As an accredited American Heart Association Training Center, CPHMEMS offers extended Heart Saver education and community outreach programs to the residents of the Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Hempstreet Park in Rensselaer County, the City of Mechanicville. To learn more, visit <http://cphmems.org/>. You can also find them on Facebook ([Facebook.com/CPHMEMS](https://www.facebook.com/CPHMEMS)) and Twitter (@CPHM_EMS).

Saratoga County Sheriff Department

The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office is a full service law enforcement agency with approximately 240 comprised of five divisions: Community Services/Civil, Corrections, Communications, Criminal Investigation Division and Police Services. The Sheriff's Office staffs a Marine Patrol, DWI Officer Program, Sex Offender Registry Enforcement Officer, Traffic Safety Division, Motor Vehicle Accident Reconstruction and Crime Scene Investigation Team, K-9 Program, Dive Team, Recreational Vehicle Patrols, as well as several other community based programs that enhance the agency's ability to adequately serve the citizens of Saratoga County. The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office reached its accreditation status in 1994 and has maintained that status to date. To learn more, visit <http://www.saratogacountysheriff.org/>. You can also find them on Facebook ([Facebook.com/saratogacountysheriff](https://www.facebook.com/saratogacountysheriff)).

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