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Press Release

Canton Designated as a HEARTSafe Community

On Tuesday November 16, 2010, Derrick Congdon, Assistant Director of the Metropolitan Boston EMS Council, officially designated Canton as a "HEARTSafe Community" for our efforts in placing defibrillators in the community and training our residents in CPR.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the nation, with most deaths occurring outside the hospital. Friends, family and bystanders are more likely to witness the onset of a cardiac event. Citizens trained in CPR and AED use can initiate care and notify emergency responders.

Being a HEARTSafe Community can save lives. If someone in Canton suffers sudden cardiac arrest tomorrow, they stand a greater chance of survival due to rapid access to defibrillators located in public buildings, enhanced 9-1-1 and hundreds of residents and town employees who have undergone CPR and AED training.

CPR and AED training is offered to the public on the second Tuesday of each month at Canton Fire Headquarters. Please take the time learn these life saving skills and become a vital link in the chain of survival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles E. Doody".

Charles E. Doody
Fire Chief
Canton Fire Department

PLEGGED TO FIRE PREVENTION

Locations for defibrillators are:

- (1) Kennedy school
- (1) Luce School
- (1) Hanson School
- (1) Kennedy School
- (1) Canton High School
- (1) Library
- (1) Town Hall
- (1) Police Station
- (1) Senior Center @ Hemmingway Housing
- (1) Metropolis Ice Rink(Fall-Spring) & Town Pool(Spring-Fall)
- (7) Canton Fire Engines, Ladder and Ambulances
- (7) Police Cruisers