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Public Access Defibrillator Training Now Underway For City Staff

HAMILTON, ON – September 14, 2007 – The first of multiple training sessions got underway this morning for City of Hamilton staff members working in public buildings that are scheduled to be equipped with Public Access Defibrillators (PADs). Before next summer approximately 1000 city staff members will have been trained in the use of these potential life saving devices.

In August of this year, The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario donated sufficient funds to the City of Hamilton to purchase 50 defibrillators and train staff in how to use them. The cost of each defibrillator including training costs for staff is approximately \$4,500.

As training sessions are completed at each facility, a defibrillator will be installed in the building. These installations in public arena's, recreation centre's and golf courses operated by the City will greatly increase the chance of someone surviving a heart attack in a City owned facility. The best opportunity for a patient to survive an out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest is to be defibrillated no later than six (6) minutes from the time of collapse.

Brent Browett, Director of Emergency Medical Services for the City of Hamilton says "this is a great start to a program that will surely save lives and we look forward to adding additional defibrillators in other public buildings across the City in the years to come"

These Public Access Defibrillators will verbally instruct the user on the use of the defibrillator itself as well as how to perform CPR.

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