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North Bay students get life-saving lesson

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Local News - There are always kids around, and emergency personnel hope teaching them CPR will help saves lives.

"Kids are everywhere. They're in arenas, they're at the mall, they're at the movie theatre and in the park," said Ingrid Gingras, a spokeswoman for the Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation.

"By teaching them CPR skills at a young age, they'll have that information with them their entire lives."

The foundation joined the North Bay Professional Paramedics Association Friday to launch a new program in five local high schools which will teach an additional 750 students CPR skills.

That will bring the total in the North Bay area to 1,600 newly trained students a year. Six local high schools already offer CPR training to its students.

Since starting the high school program in 1994 in Ottawa, the foundation has trained 900,000 students across Canada - 600,000 of whom are in Ontario.

And the foundation is now driving a national campaign to establish CPR as a mandatory program in every Canadian high school.

Funding for 115 CPR mannequins that will be used in the North Bay schools came from the local paramedics association and the province. The paramedic association has a mandate to increase the awareness of emergency medical services in the community.

Mayor Vic Fedeli presented an award Friday for the association's contribution to the high school CPR program and for its leadership in the public access defibrillators.

"Any education that you can provide to Grade 9 kids is valuable, but this is a type of education that can actually save lives and it's proven," Fedeli said, noting an incident at Pete Palangio Arena last month where a hockey player collapsed and needed resuscitate.

Glen Arthur, 55, collapsed while playing hockey April 21 and later said he owes his life to a public-access defibrillator the community program that made sure it was on hand.

While recovering in hospital, Arthur praised the local program - spearheaded by the paramedics association and District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board - that ensured the medical device was on hand.

The four-hour CPR program will be taught in Grade 9 gym classes at the Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord, Near North District School Board and Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board.

It is slated to begin next year.

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