



## Important Information about our AEDs

Some of our sites have received calls from solicitors offering them a \$900 rebate if they would trade in their Medtronic CR+ AEDs and purchase another brand of AED for \$1,000 each. The calls have disparaged the quality of the CR+, citing the number of recalls.

So far, the recalls have been voluntary recalls by Medtronics. At their own expense they have retrieved and replaced certain AEDs. Even the recalled AEDs would not malfunction and accidentally shock anyone. The flaws generally dealt with drain on the batteries. Heart Safe La Plata has checked all of our units against the recalls and helped Medtronics with replacing them. Medtronics has consistently shown that they are a honorable company.

In addition, **most of our sites do not own their AEDs**. Check your agreement. With only a few exceptions, ownership remains with Heart Safe La Plata. Our position at this time is to stay with the Medtronics CR+ AEDs.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please give Scott Sholes a call at 382-6039.

## Senate Bill 10 Was Signed

Governor Ritter signed Senate Bill 10 on March 25, 2009. This bill eliminates certain staffing and reporting requirements of a person or entity that acquires an AED. It also provides a person or entity, who in good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED with immunity from liability for any civil damages for acts or omissions as a result of such care or treatment. This effectively removes the *duty to act*, any requirements for training, any requirements for maintenance, and any requirements for medical direction. So you are protected in the event of a lawsuit.

Within our program, however, we will continue to require that your staff be trained, that you check your AED monthly, and that you submit your AED for evaluation by our medical direct following use. It just makes sense to have trained responders who know how to do CPR and use their AED and that the AEDs be maintained in working order. Our community will be better served by maintaining this higher standard.

## Winner: 2009 Heart Safe Community!

The International Association of Fire Chiefs, Emergency Medical Section has awarded us with the **2009 Heart Safe Community Award PAD Program, Small Community**. Since 2001, the IAFC EMS had been recognizing fire service-based organizations that have used creative approaches to implement or maintain public access defibrillation programs within the communities they serve.

On May 5, 2009, the Board of Heart Safe La Plata attended the Fire Rescue-Med conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, to receive our award. The letter announcing the award and a commendation letter from the La Plata County Commissioners are attached to this newsletter.



## Heart Safe La Plata Has a Website!

The Heart Safe La Plata website is operational. Please visit us at [www.HeartSafeLaPlata.org](http://www.HeartSafeLaPlata.org). You will find all of the forms you might ever need including

- Application for Placement Agreement
- Patient Care Report
- Policies & Procedures
- Sample Emergency Response Plan
- User Checklist

Also on the website is a list of placement locations, a schedule of CPR and First Aid classes, and an archive of previous newsletters. If you don't find what you need on the website, you can always use the *contact us* option to send us an e-mail.

We are always looking for information to feature both in this newsletter and on our site, so feel free to contact us with suggestions.

## Rotary Donation for AEDs

Heart Safe La Plata has received a donation from the High Noon Rotary fo Durango for the placement of two AEDs. Sites in La Plata and San Juan Counties are eligible. If your organization would like to apply for one or both of these AEDs, please send an application along

## Current AED Placements

AccounTax CPAs, Main Mall  
Animas Dental Associates  
Bank of Colorado  
Bank of the San Juans (All 3 branches!)  
Bar D Chuckwagon (summer only, sponsored by Mountain Bike Specialist)  
Bayfield Marshall (2 units)  
Bayfield Parks & Rec (sponsored by Pinnacle Surveying)  
Bayfield Realty at Vallecito  
Bayfield School District 10 JTR (5 units)  
BP America (15 units)  
Dr. Ronald Caldwell, 2301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
City of Durango  
Mason Center  
City Hall  
General Services  
Rec Center  
Chapman Hill  
Library  
Police Dept.  
Colorado Department of Transportation (2 in Durango, 1 in Alamosa)  
Colorado Trails Ranch  
Country Market at Vallecito  
Curves for Women, 489 Florida Rd  
Dalton Ranch & Golf Club  
Jay Daniel  
Dental Associates of the Southwest (Bayfield and Durango)  
Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge  
5 trains  
Dispatchers Office  
Ticket Office  
Durango Dental Associates, 3235-A Main Ave.  
Durango Dental Clinic, 2323 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Durango Fire & Rescue Authority  
**Durango Herald**  
Durango Mountain Resort  
Purgatory Village Hotel  
Cascade Village  
Dante's (winter only)  
Powder House (winter only)  
Security  
Ski Patrol (winter only)  
Tamarron Lodge  
Durango School District 9R (15 units)  
Durango Sports Club (2 units)  
Durango Urgent Care  
First National Bank (all 5 branches, including Wal-Mart!)  
First United Methodist Church  
Fitness Solutions 24/7  
Fort Lewis College  
Miller Student Center – main lobby across from Native American Center  
Student Life Center – main lobby behind desk  
College Union Building – main lobby near information desk  
Natatorium – first aid room  
Whalen Gymnasium – south end near Exercise Science offices

with a letter to us explaining why you would like to have an AED, how you would be willing to respond to adjacent areas, and why your site should be equipped using a sponsored donation. Better hurry. The deadline for sending in your application is July 20, 2009. Call Scott at 382-6039 with questions.

Fort Lewis College (con't)  
Physical Plant – near Service Center offices  
Center of Southwest Studies – main lobby  
Community Concert Hall – main lobby  
Head Athletic Training Office located in Whalen Gymnasium  
Intramural Teams (2 units)  
Fort Lewis Police (3 units)  
Four Corner's Heart Clinic  
Four Corner's Materials  
Glacier Club (4 units)  
Heartwood Cohousing - Bayfield  
Ignacio School District 11 JT (5 units)  
La Plata County  
County Courthouse  
Fairgrounds  
Ballfields (summer only)  
Exhibit Hall  
Extension Offices  
Klatt Arena (summer only)  
Jail  
Old Main Post Office  
Road and Bridge  
19 Sheriff's Officers  
La Plata County Airport (2 units)  
La Plata Electric Association (Durango & Pagosa Springs)  
**La Plata Family Medicine**  
La Plata Senior Center, 2424 Main Ave.  
Ladies Workout Express, 16 Town Plaza  
Mind & Body Works, 129 E 32<sup>nd</sup>  
Dr. Jeff Nelson, 125 CR 250  
Pine River Valley Bank  
Red Cedar Gathering (5 units)  
Rivergate Physical Therapy  
Mark Rich  
Rocky Mountain General Store at Vallecito  
San Juan Public Lands  
Bayfield  
Durango (2 locations)  
Silverton  
Silverton Public Schools (2 units, sponsored by Iron Horse Bicycle Classic)  
Southern Ute Tribe  
Annex Building  
Casino (new complex will have 8 AEDs)  
Community Center  
Growth Fund Building  
Head Start/Early Start  
Justice and Regulatory Building  
Southern Ute Lodge and Casino  
Tribal Admin Building  
Strater Hotel  
Tall Timbers (2 units)  
Tech Center Plaza, 10 Burnett Court  
**Three Springs Development**  
Town of Ignacio  
4 Police Units  
Town Hall, 540 Goddard  
Vista de Oro Homeowners

**Heart Safe La Plata**

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