

National CPR & AED Awareness Week

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At the Public Meeting the Armstrong County Commissioners have proclaimed support for the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association "National CPR & AED Awareness Week" to be held June 1- 7, 2009. Goals set for the week include educating the public about the necessity of CPR and AED training to reduce death and goals to educate the public about the necessity of CPR and AED training to reduce death and disability from Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

The associations would like to train 1 million people in CPR, tracked real time through its website www.americanheart.org/cpr&aedweek ; generate fifty million media impressions; raise \$1 million in donations for this cause; and establish this week as an annual event.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States, resulting in nearly 300,000 lives lost. Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Fink recognized Commissioner Scahill for his commitment and leadership that has spearheaded the increased availability of AED equipment and training. The Board of Commissioners encourages more businesses to provide AED training and accessibility.