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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



*Sheriff Mills commences AED Fundraiser
(In Conjunction with Emergency Services Department)*

New defibrillators are needed for emergency responders throughout Delaware County. The last fundraising drive to purchase them was conducted in January, 2000. In 2011, Public Health donated four new defibrillators to replace the most outdated models. It is estimated that each new defibrillator will cost approximately \$2,000.00.

Automatic external defibrillators can make the difference between life and death when an individual goes into Sudden Cardiac Arrest "SCA." Consider:

- * SCA is the nation's largest killer, striking dead over 300,000 people annually. It claims more deaths than AIDS, breast cancer and strokes.
- * If an AED is used within the first 2-4 minutes after a victim suffers/collapses from SCA, the probability of survival escalates from 10% to 60%.
- * For every minute that a victim lies waiting for treatment, his/her chance of survival decreases 10%.

It should be noted that AED's can also be used to benefit children now because their manufacturers have provided a pediatric cable for them which is capable of reducing the amount of energy the AED delivers to a child from 1 year old to puberty.

Since our population is distributed sparsely, defibrillators should be standard equipment in the automobiles used by all emergency responders. This is an ambitious and expensive project – but also a necessary one. This fundraiser is being sponsored jointly by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and the Delaware County Emergency Services Department for use by their personnel.

Please call Sheriff Thomas E. Mills at 746-2336 or EMS Coordinator Steve Hood at 746-9600 if you have any questions.

Please make your donation payable to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office at 280 Phoebe Lane, Suite One, Delhi, NY 13753 and designate "Defibrillator Fund" on the reference line.