



AED Alert! Program

Heart Safe La Plata has coordinated each AED location and its response area with Durango Central Dispatch. Each address which is covered by an AED is registered in the dispatch database. When a call comes in from that address, the dispatcher sees a flag which will alert her to the fact an AED is available. If the call is for an unconscious patient, the dispatcher will call the *AED Alert!* phone number and ask that the AED be taken to the address of the call.

If you have a Heart Safe La Plata AED, **please be prepared for that phone call.** During an emergency, especially a cardiac call, the dispatchers are very busy. They need to spend time with the caller tending to the victim. They may even need to coach someone through CPR. They will spend a minimum amount of time making the *AED Alert!* phone call. ANYONE who answers the phone at that location MUST know how to react. You can help minimize the frustration by making sure you are ready.

Even if no CPR/AED certified person is available, please deliver the AED to the call address. Volunteer First Responders in our area are all CPR/AED certified.

Procedures Following AED Use

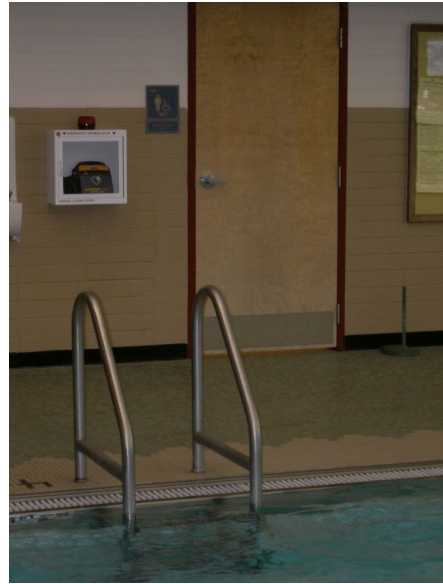
When an AED unit has been placed on a patient, the lay responder should complete a **Patient Care Report** documenting his/her actions. This form can be obtained from any Heart Safe La Plata Board Member. Following defibrillation, please call the Heart Safe La Plata office (382-6039) so that the AED can be picked up for analysis. The information stored in the AED will be downloaded and archived by Heart Safe La Plata. Following the data download, the unit will be refurbished and returned to its location.

Within 30 days of any defibrillation, Dr. Tony DeMond, our Medical Director, or his designee will perform a review of the AED information and any written Patient Care Report to determine the effectiveness of each response. The review will include

1. Lay response time
2. EMS response time
3. Use on the appropriate type of patient (pulseless, apneic patient; greater than 8 years of age and greater than 55 pounds)
4. Degree of compliance with shock/no-shock direction from the AED

5. Success of data collection process
6. Completeness of documentation
7. Overall effectiveness of the Heart Safe La Plata Plan

Company Profile - Fort Lewis College



Our largest placements of AEDs thus far has been 12 units which are at **Fort Lewis College.** (The following has been excerpted from various announcements, Press Releases, and Policy Statements published by Fort Lewis College.)

Because every minute counts when sudden cardiac arrest strikes, Fort Lewis

College has placed 9 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in key locations around campus. Each of the AEDs is displayed in a alarmed and strobed cabinet in a prominent location (see the *Current AED Placements* for a list of specific locations). In addition every on-duty FLC Police vehicle now carries a portable AED.

According to Steve Schwartz, Vice President for Finance and Administration, "At Fort Lewis College, we are committed to the safety of our students, staff, colleagues, and visitors. Any steps or processes we can put in place which increase the potential to save a person's life during an emergency, are our responsibility."

Fort Lewis College is equipped and prepared to provide training to any employees who want to volunteer to be trained responders. Any FLC employee that wishes to be trained in the use of CPR and AEDs, should contact Wayne Barger at barger_w@fortlewis.edu or extension 7576.

Everyone can make a lifesaving difference when a sudden cardiac arrest occurs. AEDs are safe, effective, lightweight, and easy to use. The expertise needed to analyze the heart's electrical function is programmed into the device. Across the U.S., these devices have been operated successfully by untrained adults and children who have saved the lives of loved ones.

New Address

Because of office changes at Durango Fire & Rescue Authority, our address has also changed. Our phone number remains the same. You can reach us at

Heart Safe La Plata
142 Sheppard Dr.
Durango, CO 81303
970-382-6039 (Scott Sholes)

Board Members

Mark Rich, President	375-0806
Amy Knight, Vice-President	247-9756
Scott Sholes, Treasurer	382-6039
Barbara Lawson, Secretary	884-2406
Patty Egger, Member-at-Large	247-4420
Susanne Epton, Training Liaison	259-5383

Current AED Placements

An updated list of AED locations in La Plata and San Juan Counties will be provided in each issue. Thanks to each of you for being our pioneers!

Bank of the San Juans (All 3 branches!)

Bar D Chuckwagon (summer only)

Dr. Ronald Caldwell, 2301 W. 2nd Ave

City of Durango

Mason Center

City Hall

General Services

Rec Center

Chapman Hill

Library

Police Dept.

Curves for Women, 489 Florida Rd

Dalton Ranch & Golf Club (pending)

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge

5 trains

Dispatchers Office

Ticket Office

Durango Custom Hats, 563 Main Ave.

Durango Mountain Resort

Purgatory Village Hotel

Cascade Village

Dante's (winter only)

Powder House (winter only)

Security

Ski Patrol (winter only)

Tamarron Lodge

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

Board Member Profile

Barbara Lawson graduated from the University of Texas with a B.S. in Computer Science and a B.A. in Math. She continued her education at the University of Houston and received a Master's Degree in Computer Science. Her business, Century Solutions and Software, Inc. is providing consulting services to Heart Safe La Plata for database development at no charge.

She joined the Animas Fire Protection District as a volunteer in 1992 and earned her Firefighter I, EMT-Basic and BLS Instructor Trainer Certifications. She is CPR Coordinator for Durango Fire & Rescue Authority and teaches CPR, AED, First Aid, and Instructor Development Courses under both the American Safety and Health Institute and the American Red Cross.

Fort Lewis College (continued)

Whalen Gymnasium – south end near Exercise Science offices

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

3 On-duty Police Officers

Heartwood Cohousing - Bayfield

La Plata County Fairgrounds

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 Electric Association, 45 Stewart St.

La Plata Senior Center, 2424 Main Ave.

Ladies Workout Express, 16 Town Plaza

Dr. Jeff Nelson, 125 CR 250

Pine River Valley Bank

Southern Ute Tribe

Annex Building

Community Center

Justice and Regulatory Building

Southern Ute Lodge and Casino

S.U, Police-Fax room

Tribal Admin Building

Tamarron - Glacier Club

The Training Room, 575 River Gate Ln #208

Town of Ignacio

4 Police Units

Town Hall, 540 Goddard

Vista de Oro Homeowner

Heart Safe La Plata

La Plata County EMS Council

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