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Press Release

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Camden County Fire Rescue Awarded Life Saving Devices

Woodbine, Ga. (November 9, 2010) – Camden County Fire Rescue (CCFR) in conjunction with the Andrew Cohn AED Project was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,745 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The grant was used to purchase five (5) Cardiac Science Automated External Defibrillators (AED) that will be used as part of the “Borrow an AED” Program. The “Borrow” Program will allow members of the Camden County community the opportunity to use one of these devices, and check them out from Camden County Fire Rescue Headquarters, located at 125 North Gross Road in Kingsland.

Members of the community wishing to check an AED out from CCFR, must be CPR certified, and present their CPR card as well as their drivers license at the time of checkout. To reserve an AED, please call CCFR at (912) 729-3911. The devices can be checked out between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The AEDs are available at no cost, and can be used by any group or individual. The devices are aimed at traveling sports teams, church groups, or people having an event with a large group of people in attendance, but are available to all citizens with CPR credentials.

The Andrew Cohn AED Project was started several months ago after Andrew Cohn, a local 15 year old, lost his life after suffering sudden cardiac arrest during a baseball game. If a person suffering cardiac arrest can have an AED placed on them within the first 3 minutes of the cardiac event, their chance of survival increases by 85%. “I look forward to making our community, state, and country aware of how important these simple to use devices are,” said Stuart Sullivan of Camden County Fire Rescue. Over the past few months, members of the Andrew Cohn AED Project, have made a major push in the state school systems

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and recreation parks to make AEDs mandatory at all educational facilities and public parks for organized sporting events. In the United States, over 900 people die from sudden cardiac arrest daily.

If you are interested in learning more about the “Borrow an AED” Program or the Andrew Cohn AED Project, please contact Stuart Sullivan of Camden County Fire Rescue. Cardiac arrest is only a heartbeat away. Please be prepared to handle that event if it ever happens to you.

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