Lapeer County Fire Association

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USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide general guidelines and direction for the use of the automatic external defibrillator (AED) kept at the LCFA Training Center. This AED is jointly owned by Elba Township and the City of Lapeer and is located next to the computer in the classroom.

DEFINITIONS

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED): A machine used to deliver an electrical shock during cardiac arrest with a treatable rhythm and restoring the heart to a normal rhythm.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): Action performed to circulate blood and oxygen to a person who is in respiratory and/or cardiac arrest.

GUIDELINES

The AED shall only be used by those personnel who have current CPR certification and have attended the AED training provided by the LCFA, or are currently certified by their department in AED usage. All LCFA instructors shall be trained in the proper operation of the AED and shall be re-certified on an annual basis.

If confronted with a situation where an AED may be needed, the instructor will direct a student to call 911 and request that an ambulance be dispatched.

Trained personnel will check the patient for breathing and pulse, then attach the AED to the patient. If the AED indicates and/or vital signs are absent, begin CPR and follow AED protocols.

All personnel are to use protective medical gloves when using the AED or providing any medical care. If performing CPR, always use a pocket mask or barrier shield.

The AED is to be inspected monthly. The Lead Instructor, LCFA Vice Chairperson, or a trained designee will ensure that the AED and associated equipment are in working condition and the batteries are charged.

If any items need to be replaced or if there is a problem noted with the unit, Chief Burke or Chief Kluge are to be notified to ensure needed repairs or equipment replacement are taken care of.