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American Red Cross Offers “ChokeSaver for Restaurant Emergencies” Class on March 21st, in Hyannis

Hyannis, Mass, February 16, 2011 – The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, offers the next “ChokeSaver for Restaurant emergencies” class on March 21st, 2011 in Hyannis. This two-hour class covers a brief overview of knowledge and skills necessary to recognize and provide basic care for injuries (including choking) and sudden illness until more advanced medical help arrives. The class will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Chapter House, 286 South Street, Hyannis.

This class meets the Massachusetts Department of Health requirement 105 CMK590.009, which states that food service establishments with a seating capacity of 25 persons need to have on premises an employee trained in removing food lodged in a person’s throat. Certification is valid for 1 year.

Restaurant staff will learn to:

- Identify Barriers to Action
- Identify Signals of Life Threatening Emergencies
- Identify Risk Factors for Heart Disease
- Understand Good Samaritan Laws
- Perform Check-Call-Care
 - Clear an obstructed airway in conscious adults, children and infants
 - Respond when a conscious adult, child or infant with an obstructed airway becomes unconscious
 - Administer rescue breathing to children and infants
 - Treat Burns and Control Bleeding
 - Identify Signs and Symptoms of anaphylaxis (food allergies)
 - Respond to someone showing signs and symptoms of a medical emergency

The class will be held at the Chapter House on 286 South Street, Hyannis at a special rate of \$30 per person. For groups of 8 or more, instructors can come to the restaurant site and special rates will apply. Registration and prepayment are required for Chapter House classes.

For more information and special on-site rates, Contact Karen Whiting, Director of Preparedness for the Cape and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross at (508) 775-1540 x 12 or kwhiting@cape.com.

Sign up and more information for individuals interested in the class is also available on the web site: www.cciredcross.org or by calling toll-free (508) 775-1540 or (866) 762-1928.

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