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## **American Red Cross to Honor Richard Todd of South Yarmouth at its 8th Annual Heroes Breakfast on March 4th**

Hyannis, Mass, February 3, 2010 - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, is pleased to announce that Richard Todd of South Yarmouth will be honored as an Educator Hero at its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes Breakfast on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, MA from 7:00-9:00 A.M. Tickets and Sponsorships are available via [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org) or by calling (508) 775-1540.

Richard Todd has spent 30 plus years as a member of the Yarmouth Fire Department (YFD). He started as a call fire fighter to the Barnstable Fire District, became a full-time crash rescue firefighter at Otis Air Force Base, was appointed as a call firefighter at YFD and became a fulltime firefighter/EMT the Yarmouth Fire Department. Rick successfully completed a paramedic training program in the 80's and later became the first EMS/Training Supervisor and hit the ground running. He began the process of rebuilding the training and EMS oversight within the YFD and instituted many new programs and procedures that helped the Dept. move forward in many areas.

Rich has built strong relationships within the Fire and EMS Community both locally and at the state level. He has been an advocate for the YFD and the Cape and Islands Emergency Medical System and a mentor to his peers. He is a strong advocate for his fellow firefighters and has ensured that they have the best equipment and resources possible to do their jobs safely, effectively and efficiently. Along the way he has helped to institute many projects beneficial to the people who live in and visit Yarmouth. Introducing the use of AED's into the department could not have been successful without his expert assistance. He helped to develop and deliver an innovative beach sand collapse rescue program for lifeguards, and has sought, and been successful with, many grant applications beneficial to the community.

His tireless work and education of others has benefitted not only his department but the entire community of Yarmouth.

The Red Cross touches lives in our community every day through programs and services such as disaster relief and health and safety training. As an organization committed to helping the community, the Red Cross is honored to salute individuals who are making a difference through their actions at its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast.

Tickets are available online at [cciredcross.org](http://cciredcross.org) or can be obtained by calling toll-free (508) 775-1540, ext. 21. Different levels of sponsorship are also available. You can write to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601 or send an email to [heroes@cciredcross.org](mailto:heroes@cciredcross.org).

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