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Media ALERT

Frank J. Adinolfi, Jr. of Cotuit Named 2010 Red Cross Community Medical Support Hero



Frank J. Adinolfi, Jr.

Hyannis, Mass, February 23, 2011 –The American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to announce that Frank J. Adinolfi, Jr. of Cotuit has been named a Community Medical Support hero and will be honored at the 9th Annual Heroes Breakfast at the Resort & Conference Center in Hyannis on March 31, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 am. Tickets are available on-line at www.cciredcross.org, by calling (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or at American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Frank was nominated by Jean Roma of Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps of Barnstable for his tireless dedication to protecting the health of fellow Cape Codders.

In the throes of planning for the arrival of the H1N1 “Swine” flu, Adinolfi stepped up to the plate repeatedly to ensure Cape-wide coverage for immunization clinics. He lives in Cotuit, but he could be found in Eastham or Bourne supervising the after-immunization waiting areas, directing traffic flow and providing clinical support. Sometimes, he worked three or more clinics in the same week and then continued to do the same on the next week, and again the next week.

As the H1N1 threat subsided, the MRC was involved in a Safe Sun Education Program on the Beaches of Cape Cod. Adinolfi could often be found at a health fair teaching safe sun practices and then continuing this work on the beach.

When Hurricane Earl threatened the coast, Adinolfi was ready. He prepared to be Team Leader for the MRC at the Barnstable Shelter. He set up the site and triaged medical concerns that emerged. He now attends shelter inspections, making sure the Automatic External Defibrillator is clearly identified and available.

In addition, Adinolfi has been in charge of public relations, lining up media interviews to deliver information about the need for volunteers.

To find out more about the 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit www.cciredcross.org

The Red Cross is not a government agency and does not receive federal or state funding. Local Chapters do receive some human resource support from the American Red Cross Headquarters, however, each Chapter is responsible for raising adequate funds to support all of its activities, including recruiting and training volunteers, and teaching life saving skills within its geographical coverage area. It relies on donations of time, money, and blood from the American public to successfully do its work.