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Deputy Chief Steven Xiarhos, Patrolman James Cheverie of Yarmouth Police and Edward Tierney, Yarmouth Natural Resource Officer Named 2010 Red Cross Law Enforcement Heroes

Hyannis, Mass, February 24, 2011 –The American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to announce that Deputy Chief Steven G. Xiarhos, Patrolman James Cheverie of Yarmouth Police and Edward Tierney, Yarmouth Natural Resource Officer, have been named “Law Enforcement Heroes” 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 for the Breakfast are available via www.cciredcross.org, by calling (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or by writing to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

When a 49-year-old man dropped to the ground while jogging on the Old Town House Road exercise trail in West Yarmouth, off-duty Deputy Police Chief Steven Xiarhos was quick to help. On July 31, 2010, the victim, a man from Harwich, fell unconscious and had no pulse. And Xiarhos, after calling 9-1-1, garnered a team of good Samaritans, including Patrolman James Cheverie and Natural Resources Officer Edward Tierney, who came to the victim’s aid.

Xiarhos immediately started Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and a few minutes later, Cheverie arrived and deployed an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED). Tierney, who also heard the call, applied CPR breathing to the victim with an Ambu Bag, keeping count, while Cheverie performed chest compressions and directed the others at the scene. They continued CPR until the victim was revived.

The Yarmouth Fire Department arrived and transported the now-conscious and breathing man by ambulance to Cape Cod Hospital, where he underwent a successful emergency cardiac procedure. As a result of their quick and decisive actions, using critical, life-saving skills training, the team of public safety officers rescued a fellow citizen in need, saving his life.

The value of CPR training and the act of humanity demonstrated by these individuals illustrate this team’s worthiness for the 2010 Red Cross Heroes Law Enforcement Award.

To find out more about the 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, Red Cross training schedules, volunteering for the Red Cross, for disaster preparedness information in English, Spanish or Portuguese, or to donate, 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

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