



"AED Training"

Above: Laine Smith, Unit Chief of the Vanderhoof Ambulance Service provides CPR and AED training to Laverne Rimmelg and other Robson Valley educators at the Valemount Secondary School on Friday, June 22.

Thanks to a generous donation of \$36K by the RBC foundation defibrillator training units, mannequins and an AED unit were donated to both schools through the Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation (ACT).

ACT provides this valuable service at no cost to schools thanks to financial partners, AstraZeneca Canada, Pfizer Canada, and Sanofi, who provide sustaining funding to provide their programs to schools across Canada.

This training will result in more than 100 students trained annually by their teachers in the use of lifesavings skills.

According to ACT, eight in 10 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur at home. CPR training as part of their high school education empowers youth and will help increase citizen CPR response rates over the long term. According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation early CPR combined with early defibrillation can increase survival rates for cardiac arrest victims by up to 75 per cent.

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