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## New project 'empowers students'

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Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School student Claire Romani demonstrates CPR training at the Sudbury launch of the ACT High School CPR and Defibrillator Training program at the high school on Friday, June 7, 2013. JOHN LAPPATHE SUDBURY STAR/QMI AGENCY

High schools across the city, 26 in all, will now be equipped with Automated External Defibrillators. Students in grades 9 and 10 will also get training on how to use the AEDs and performing CPR.

The Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) foundation and the government of Ontario, along with a number of community organizations and companies, are funding the initiative.

Every year, some 3,000 students will be trained in CPR and using the AEDs in case of emergency.

"Hopefully, these students will never have to apply those skills, but they will have them if they ever need them," said Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci.

Vale representative Angie Robson spoke on behalf of the company, which gave \$21,000 to the project.

"This (project) will promote health and safety, as well as empower students in the community. Everyone has a story of a family member, coworker or acquaintance who has needed help after a heart attack. Now, 3,000 students every year will be able to help."

Vale wasn't the only community partner in the initiative. BESTECH, City of Greater Sudbury EMS, Greater Sudbury Utilities/Sudbury Hydro, Sudbury and District Home Builders' Association and Sudbury Construction Association are also taking part.

Greater Sudbury EMS will train teachers on how to teach CPR to their students.

John Macnamara, vice-president of health, safety and environment for Hydro One, a provincial partner, said the company and its staff know all too well how CPR and AED training can save lives.

"Hydro One continues to be a proud supporter of the ACT Foundation's CPR and Defibrillator training program. Safety is our priority in everything we do and we feel that it is important to assist in the development of these programs in order to ensure we are helping create safe communities and a safety-focused workplace."

The ACT Foundation has helped train more than 73,000 students every year, for a total of 216,000 since 2008.

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### By The Numbers

26

high schools will be equipped with the AEDs

80

AED mannequins donated

3,000

students will be trained yearly

80

defibrillator training units provided