



BREATH OF LIFE: Brennan high school Grade 9 student Joel Pomerleau, foreground, and his classmates demonstrate CPR Friday. All area Grade 9 high school students have to learn the life-saving skill. Star photo: Dan Janisse

Students to get training in CPR

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All Grade 9 high school students in Windsor-area schools — about 5,900 children — will take CPR training and possibly save a life, officials said Friday.

“(This is) an opportunity for youth to learn a life-saving skill,” said Windsor-St. Clair MPP Dwight Duncan Friday at F.J. Brennan high school.

About 450 Essex County residents die every year from cardiac arrest, said Curtis Fedoruc, an emergency room physician.

“This money will pay a better return than any municipal bond issue,” Fedoruc said.

CPR can increase the survival rate

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Free training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be offered at the Harrow Recreation Centre March 12 from 10 a.m. until noon.

The goal is to train as many as 200 people that day, said Essex Deputy Mayor Percy Dufour.

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for the ACT Foundation of Canada.

By the end of the school year about 700,000 Canadian high school students will know how to conduct CPR, she said.

Deputy Mayor Percy Dufour

CPR can increase the survival rate and reduce brain damage for a person suffering a heart attack.

Since 85 per cent of heart attacks occur at home, officials said they hope students will be able to save a parent's life while awaiting arrival of an ambulance.

The Liberal government put up \$650,000 to fund CPR training in Ontario schools.

The Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation of Canada is spearheading the CPR training and has brought it to 700 high schools so far, said Micheline Joannis, director of communications

Daniel Chrysler Canada and Canadian Auto Workers Local 444 provided the cash for the local training.

The program costs \$99,000, which the province and private partners split. The cash pays for 870 CPR mannequins at 30 area high schools and instructor training. The Windsor Star is providing the manuals.

The three school boards participating in the program are the Greater Essex County District School Board, Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board and the Conseil Scolaire des Ecoles Catholiques de District Du Sud-Ouest.