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## **O'CONNELL JOINS SCAA IN PRESENTING AED TO DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

### *Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association Generously Donates AED To Taunton Veterans*

TAUNTON...Today, State Representative Shaunna O'Connell, along with Bob Schriever, past chairman of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association, and Taunton resident Muriel "Rusty" Watterson, president of the SCAA Southeastern MA chapter, presented an AED to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 57 that was generously donated by the national SCAA.

"I am proud to join Bob and Rusty in presenting this AED. After Bill Laliberte, a member of the DAV, approached us and asked for assistance, we all went to work on securing an AED for the DAV's Taunton office. The needs of our veterans continue to be a priority for me."

Bob Schriever, who is director and co-founder of the association and a survivor of sudden cardiac arrest, was instrumental in helping to secure the AED. He was saved nine years ago by the quick action of having a defibrillator on hand at a football game. "I would not be here today to gladly present this AED to the DAV if it wasn't for the fact that the Athletic Trainer for the visiting school, who received their AED the previous Wednesday, had the presence of mind to bring it with him to the game," said Shriever.

{The SCAA donates hundreds of AED's each year to many schools, local communities and organizations throughout the nation as it continues on fulfilling its Mission and Vision statements of eradicating the country's most deadly disease: death from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

Rusty Watterson has been a champion in promoting awareness of sudden cardiac arrest and the important roll AED's play in saving countless lives each year. She is responsible for distributing 9 AED's to Taunton schools, City Hall and others over the past 5 years.

After getting a visit from "Rusty" Watterson in April asking for help in designating a CPR/AED awareness week in Massachusetts, O'Connell was able to get a proclamation from Governor Deval Patrick declaring June 1-6, 2011 as the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association's CPR/AED Awareness Week.

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