

After-Action Report

Mass Heartsaver Awareness Course for Faculty & Staff

January 28, 2022

Summary

On January 28, 2022, the Department of Safety & Emergency Management (DSEM), the teaching Department of Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (DPEM), and the Department of Red Wolf Wellness (DRWW) held the first Mass Heartsaver Awareness Course for Faculty & Staff.

Volunteers from the A-State CERT team, DSEM, DPEM, DRWW, and Saint Bernard's Medical Center all worked together to educate the participants on the basics of CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Participation

Event leadership did an excellent job of canvassing the university with Mass Heartsaver Awareness Course flyers. A-State's Marketing Team supported the course by announcing the event via A-State's daily digest.

DSEM & DPEM worked together to lead faculty and staff in a scavenger hunt to find AEDs around the A-State campus, for entry into a prize drawing. This tested our employees' knowledge of the life-saving equipment on campus. The final results of this scavenger hunt will determine whether or not the AED locations should be added to the Emergency Procedures Handbook.

Improvements for the Future

The training was very successful in spreading awareness of AED locations, the basics of how to use AEDs, and where to go to get the full certification on campus. In the future, DSEM, DRWW, and DPEM will work together to explore Heartsaver certifications and get our vendor involved. To ensure that everyone will receive a certificate for their participation.

DSEM, DPEM, & DRWW will work together to determine a way to learn how many who participated in the awareness course go on to get their certification through Spencer Bradley & the Department of Red Wolf Wellness.

DSEM, DPEM, and DRWW will continue to work together to ensure that the Mass Heartsaver Awareness Course for Faculty & Staff continues to occur once a year, for the foreseeable future.

The Safety Office welcomes recommendations for improvement from the campus community. Please email cokennedy@astate.edu with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.