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Putnam Civil Air Patrol Squadron Learns Lifesaving Skills

CARMEL, New York – March 26, 2022 – Members of the Civil Air Patrol (C.A.P.) Putnam County Composite Squadron received training in First Aid, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the operation of portable Automated External Defibrillators (AED) from instructor Ann Daros at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services building in Carmel.

Cadets and senior members were given a thorough in-person class that included practicing on adult and child mannequins as per the American Heart Association Heartsaver certification curriculum. The certification is good for two years and will give the attendees necessary lifesaving skills.

Emergency services readiness is taught as an integral part of the CAP program, with First Aid, CPR and AED skills being essential elements of the training. Although CAP is not an emergency medical care or paramedic organization, having members with this certification is important.

There is a significant amount of education and training required for the varied missions Civil Air Patrol supports and that starts with General Emergency Services training. Safety is another critical component in all CAP operations.

CAP helps grow its cadets through training in leadership, aerospace (including cyber), fitness, and character development which includes general emergency services training for missions as an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. The core values developed in cadets include respect, integrity, service, and excellence, with each value integrated in all of the programs that the squadron performs.

To learn how to join the Putnam County Composite Squadron, please contact Major Elena MacDermant (Commander) at elenamac@aol.com. For further information about Civil Air Patrol or cadet activities, log on to the squadron website www.NY033.CAP.gov or the national website www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com

Established in 1941, Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a member of its Total Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 555 single-engine aircraft and 2,250 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) and performs about 90% of all search and rescue operations within the contiguous United States as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Often using innovative cellphone forensics and radar analysis software, CAP was credited by the AFRCC with saving 108 lives last year. CAP's 56,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. As a nonprofit organization, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace education using national



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academic standards-based STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education resources. Members also serve as mentors to over 23,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs.

Visit www.CAP.News or www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com for more information.

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