

## **AED Protocol**

1. Recognize an emergency situation – make a decision to help.
2. Establish unresponsiveness in the victim.
3. Call 911 and send someone for the AED
4. Provide rescue breathing and cardiac compressions until the AED arrives. (If victim is in water, remove victim from contact with water).
5. Get out the AED and follow the voice instructions given.
  - Open the lid; this automatically turns the unit on.
  - Apply the 2 pads to the bare chest as shown on pad diagrams
  - Wait and do not touch the victim while the AED is analyzing and advising if a shock is needed.
  - Voice prompts will announce if a shock will be delivered: At this prompt, check that all other rescuers are not touching the victim or the AED. The AED will automatically deliver the shock.
  - The unit will re-analyze and either re-shock the victim or instruct to re-start CPR. Do not remove the electrodes or AED from the victim.
  - Perform CPR as instructed by the AED: After 1 minute, the AED will re-analyze the heart rhythm and will guide the rescuer through additional sequences. When emergency help arrives, the EMTs will take over and transport the victim.
  - A meeting, to evaluate the rescue episode, will be held after each rescue attempt.