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Dover Scrub Club Students Get Educated in First Aid by EMS Institute Inc.

On January 9, 2014, twenty-two Dover Scrub Club Students attended a field trip to the EMS Institute at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, CT for a first-hand lesson in First Aid. This session, instructed by Dave Caldwell, provided the students with the opportunity to receive their CPR/AED/First Aid Training Cards. Student comments included, "To be CPR/AED/First Aid trained is an amazing thing for me." and, "I thought it was great because now I am certified in CPR/First Aid! It's a really useful skill in life, and it looks good on applications. Knowing that you can save a life is really cool!"

The EMS Institute at Sharon Hospital was established in 1998 to assist the EMS providers in Sharon Hospital's service area. Funded primarily through an endowment and overseen by a volunteer board of directors comprised of EMS personnel, ER physicians, and educators, the Institute provides speakers and courses on a variety of topics and maintains an inventory of literature, videos and training equipment.

The Scrub Club program was developed by Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) during 2012-2013 and is in its second year of implementation at Dover High School. Thus far, five area schools have implemented Scrub Club either into their daily curriculum or as an afterschool program, and additional schools, youth programs, and community programs are positioned to implement the program in the next academic year.

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality, geographic distribution and retention of healthcare professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through innovative programs across its 11-county service area. For additional information on Scrub Club, please visit www.CHAHEC.org/programs or call (845) 883-7260.

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