

May 2019 is First Ever “National Stop the Bleed Month”

All across the United States, including right here in Kent County, people will participate in the first ever “National Stop the Bleed Month”. This nationwide campaign will highlight the importance of Stop the Bleed training and provide the public with information and education through local fire, EMS, and healthcare professionals. Bleeding Control Basics classes will be offered to the public, furthering the goal to train everyone in the United States to recognize and treat life threatening bleeding.

New Locations for AED’s & Bleeding Control Kits in Administrative Complex

The County Administrator and the Department of Public Safety met recently to discuss relocating the current AED’s and placing them next to the new Public Access Bleeding Control Kits in a more publicly accessible area of the Administrative Complex. AED’s and Bleeding Control kits are now located next to each other on the first floor outside of the front counter to the Recorder of Deeds office and next to the ATM by the Finance Department, and on the second floor outside of the IT Office in the north rotunda area. There is still an AED in the fitness center on the second floor as well.

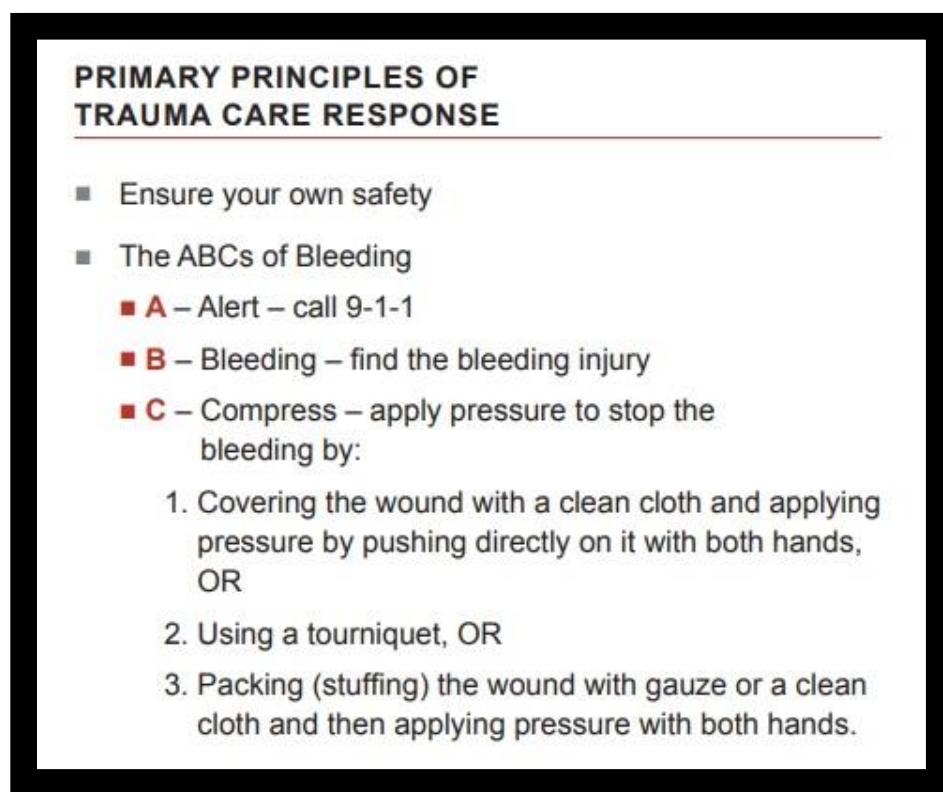


Department of Public Safety staff will be working with the Community Services Department and the Public Works Department to install the remaining Public Access Bleeding

Control Kits in the next few weeks. As those locations are determined they will be communicated to County staff.

CPR/AED Training and Stop the Bleed Training

Many County employees recently took the Department of Public Safety's Bleeding Control Basics Course offered several times in the month of March. However, if you were not able to attend or need a refresher, please contact Kent County Safety Officer Brandon Olenik in the Department of Public Safety for a quick overview. Courses for new hires and refreshers for current employees will be scheduled on an annual basis moving forward.



**PRIMARY PRINCIPLES OF
TRAUMA CARE RESPONSE**

- Ensure your own safety
- The ABCs of Bleeding
 - **A** – Alert – call 9-1-1
 - **B** – Bleeding – find the bleeding injury
 - **C** – Compress – apply pressure to stop the bleeding by:
 1. Covering the wound with a clean cloth and applying pressure by pushing directly on it with both hands, OR
 2. Using a tourniquet, OR
 3. Packing (stuffing) the wound with gauze or a clean cloth and then applying pressure with both hands.

Did you know the Department of Public Safety also offers CPR/AED training several times a year? You never know when a friend, family member, or even an employee may fall victim to sudden cardiac arrest. Know what to do and how to handle this fatal condition by attending the next CPR/AED training held at the Emergency Services Building. Emails will be sent notifying employees of the next class.

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