

COAL MINERS SAVE A LIFE

Annual Retraining turns into “Hands On” First Aid

Employees of Rosebud Mining company were conducting their “Annual Retraining for Underground Miners” for their Beaver Valley Mine on February 2, 2012 at the Ponderosa Golf Course and Restaurant in Hookstown, Pa. when things got very interesting.

When the miners were on lunch break, one of the restaurant’s waitresses came into the lunch room and asked if anyone knew CPR. Apparently it had been reported that an elderly female had collapsed in the parking lot of the restaurant.

The Rosebud retraining class ran outside and found the elderly female lying on the ground in the parking lot unresponsive. Luckily, the class had several Emergency Medical Technicians in the group. CPR was started immediately by Rick Peppel, one of Rosebud’s instructors, along with Leo Wilson and Roy Marsh, who are employees at the Beaver Valley mine. Rick and Leo started doing compressions on the victim while Roy administered artificial respirations.

While CPR was being done on the victim, Michael (Vinny) Adams remained with concerned family members in an effort to calm them in this stressful situation. T.J. Holt, another Rosebud trainer and Steve Dunlap, an employee of the Beaver Valley Mine, procured an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) and assembled it.

CPR was done for approximately 25 minutes, and eventually the AED was pressed into service to deliver a shock to the patient to re-start her heart. The crew’s efforts were successful! The victim was revived and transported to the hospital by local paramedics. One of Rosebud’s rescuers traveled to the hospital with the ambulance crew, as they needed another set of hands to work on the patient en route to the hospital. Hospital professionals commended the Rosebud crew as saving the woman’s life because they acted so quickly and were persistent in their efforts – you just never know when accidents and emergencies will occur and it is good to be prepared.