

# Heart machines guide users

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trained in first aid as Heart Alive targeted responders, the machines can be used by virtually anyone.

Brad Meekin, general manager of Emergency Response Services, said machines guide users step-by-step.

"We know we can't control that (if bystanders panic or fail to respond to a cardiac arrest), but for every person who wants to take the initiative, that's great," he said.

"If you have the courage to go forward and do it, the machines will walk you through it."

Meanwhile, through a partnership with York Regional Police, targeted responders are alerted to an emergency in a regional building through an overhead page once someone has called 911.

Mr. Meekin said he's thrilled to see the program launched after years of planning.

"It is exciting to see it move from goal to reality," said Mr. Meekin, adding the region is leasing the machines, which cost \$2,500 per year per machine, to ensure they can be updated if technology changes.

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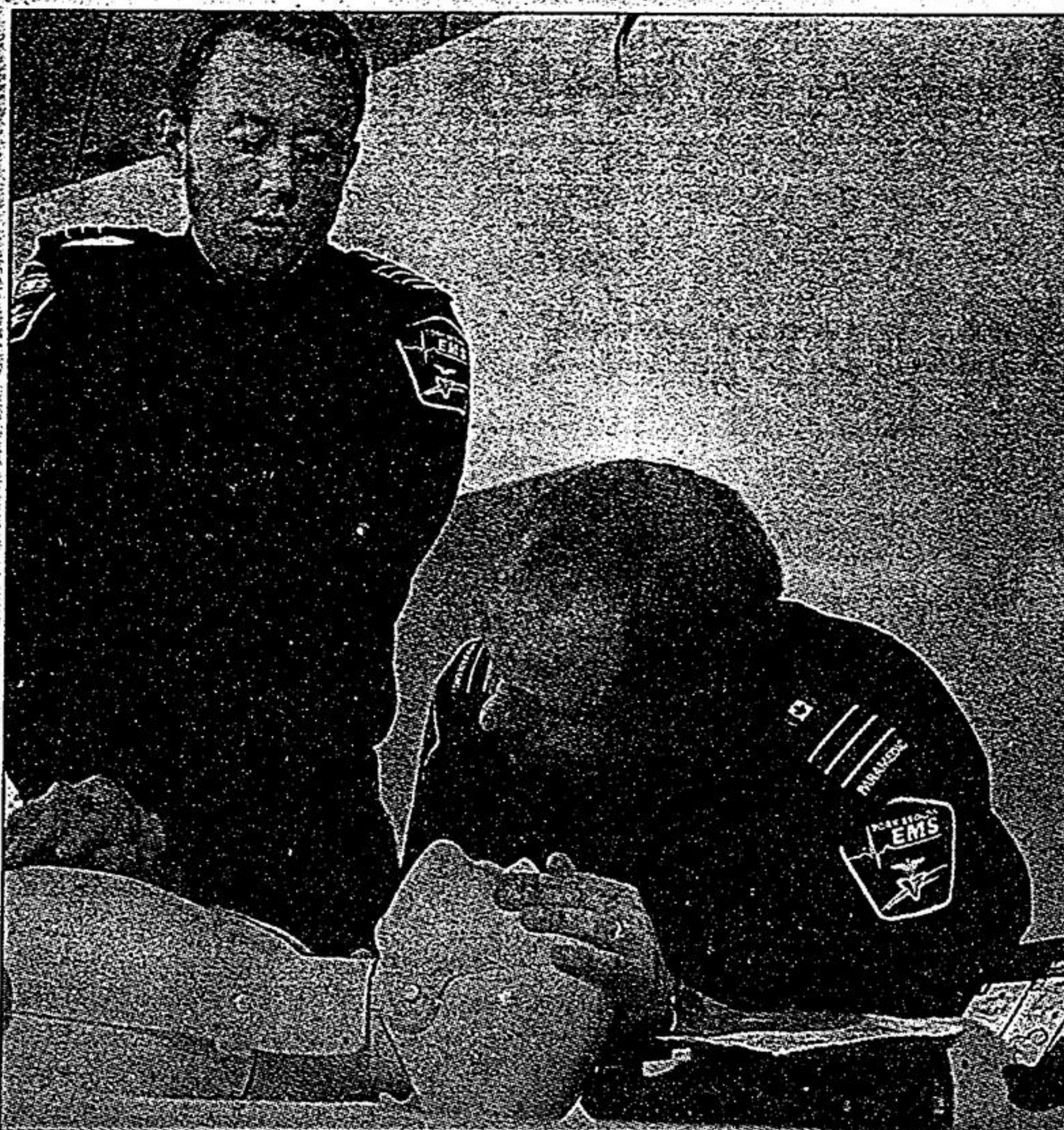
Jaczek said as many as 40,000 Canadians, including 1,000 York residents, die every year from sudden cardiac arrest.

A heart attack victim's chance of survival decreases 7 to 10 per cent every minute from the time of the attack until the first shock of a defibrillator is administered.

"The first four minutes are absolutely vital in terms of surviving. Our ambulance response time is in the order of 10 minutes. The ambulance may not get there," Dr. Jaczek said.

"I'm just so excited to see (the project) launched formally after so many years in the works."

The machines have been installed in two regional buildings in Georgina, two in Markham, nine in Newmarket, two in Richmond Hill, four in Vaughan and one in Whitchurch-Stouffville.



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York Region's new Heart Alive program was launched at regional headquarters Thursday. Advanced care paramedics and Heart Alive instructors Mark Mitchell (left) and Lorne Cowx demonstrate CPR on a training dummy.

# Raptors GM bounced

The York Region man who was atop the Toronto Raptors is looking for work.

The struggling NBA team fired general manager Glen Grunwald Thursday. A Stouffville-area resident, the popular Mr. Grunwald also lived in Aurora and Markham during his 10 years with the club.

He took over as GM in 1997, moving up from assistant GM. The Raptors made the playoffs for the first time and advanced to the 2001 Eastern Conference finals, but have been on a steady decline since. They were 30-44 heading into a game last night.

"As with any expansion situation, the first nine years of our franchise... had their shares of ups and downs," he said. "The disappointments of these past two seasons will not overshadow what has largely been a successful six years."

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