

**MEDIA ALERT**  
**Airport Installs Lifesaving Amenity**

**Tampa, Fla. (June 10, 2002) - -**

**Who:** Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA) with the American Heart Association (AHA)

**What:** Announce the installation and activation of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) throughout the Landside terminal and four active Airsides at Tampa International Airport.

**When:** Tuesday, June 11, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Brief program in the HCAA Board Room, Landside Terminal, 3rd Floor, Blue Side followed by live demonstration of emergency response in the Landside Terminal.

**Program Speakers:**

- Louis E. Miller - Executive Director, HCAA
- Dr. Charles Sand, 1st vice president, American Heart Association, Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate and emergency room physician at St. Joseph's Hospital.

AED machines have been determined to provide the critical immediate response to a person in cardiac distress. Under the guidance of Tampa Fire Rescue Airport Chief, Dennis W. Jones, the units were placed in areas determined to be the most readily accessible and openly visible for someone trying to locate a device.

The units are safe for trained lay rescuers to treat sudden cardiac arrest, and are part of an established Chain of Survival that includes CPR and early advanced care.

Says HCAA Executive Director, Louis E. Miller, "Our commitment to the safety of all passengers and visitors of Tampa International Airport is always our top priority. We knew this was the right thing to do - for our customers and our employees."

The 14 units at Tampa International and one unit at each of the four general aviation facilities were purchased by the Aviation Authority at a cost of approximately \$3000 each with an additional \$675 each for installation.

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