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## Media Advisory

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## Hands-only CPR Class held by Cardiac Arrest Survivor and Rescuers

(San Francisco, CA – October 12, 2011) On August 14, 2011, a seemingly healthy Carlos Monfiglio, was playing soccer with his soccer club at Kimbell Field in San Francisco, his 8 year old son watching from the sidelines. Without warning, Carlos collapsed, suffering sudden cardiac arrest. As a call was made to 9-1-1, one of his teammates initiated life-saving CPR. As a result of early bystander CPR and resuscitative efforts by San Francisco Fire Department members, Ambulance Paramedics and skilled Emergency Room staff, Carlos recently celebrated his 44th birthday with his wife and 4 children by his side.

Moved by the experience, the club leaders sent a letter of thanks to the San Francisco Fire Department and, realizing the importance of early intervention, requested CPR training for the entire club.

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, on the very field where his life was saved, Carlos will share his message with a group of attendees, including the SFFD Engine Crew and Paramedics that responded to the 9-1-1 call, the teammate who initiated CPR and many of the others that worked so hard to save his life. Then, with the help of the San Francisco Fire Department and the San Francisco Community CPR Consortium, Carlos' soccer club, along with their families, friends and co-workers, will be trained in Hands-Only CPR.

When: Sunday, October 16, 2011 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Where: Kimbell Soccer Field

Pierce & O'Farrell Streets, San Francisco

San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White is also scheduled to attend.

The event is open to the public but pre-registration is required at www.tinyurl.com/oct16cpr

For more information on Hands-Only CPR, go to: http://handsonlycpr.org/

Contact for this event: SFFD Paramedic Ken Ainsworth, (818)216-1521