Ele Taxis in Warsaw Innovate, Provide Public Access to AEDs

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CHELMSFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug 29, 2012--ZOLL Medical Corporation, a manufacturer of resuscitation devices and related software solutions, announced today that Ele Taxi Ltd. in Warsaw, Poland is the first taxi company in Poland to equip its taxis with ZOLL AED Plus® automated external defibrillators, which guide rescuers through the complete Chain of Survival in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest.

“Through a collaboration with Warsaw’s public EMS system, 150 to 200 of the Ele Taxi fleet’s 1200 cars will be equipped with the AEDs so that drivers can be quickly dispatched to assist cardiac arrest victims,” said Artur Oporski, General Director. “We trained many of our drivers ahead of last month’s EURO 2012 football championship, which Poland co-hosted.

“Shortly after installing the first 30 ZOLL AEDs, one of our drivers saved the life of a man who collapsed on the sidewalk. By the time EMS arrived he had regained consciousness,” he added.

With its real-time audio and visual feedback, the AED Plus with Real CPR Help® prompts the drivers to perform effective CPR with rapid compressions to an optimal depth of at least 5 cm (about 2”) in accordance with European Resuscitation Council and American Heart Association guidelines.

The AED Plus also determines whether the victim requires a shock and guides the rescuer through the process.

“We chose the AED Plus for its elegant simplicity,” Mr. Oporski said. “It only requires the driver to place a single pad on the victim, unlike other AEDs which require placing two electrodes. It saves time. And the AED Plus is more cost effective: the pad has the longest shelf life of any defibrillator electrode – five years.” Ele taxis equipped with an AED Plus will display a prominent sticker in the rear window.

“Ele Taxi and EMS service are to be commended for their innovative plan to protect Warsaw residents and visitors stricken by cardiac arrest, which requires the fast and effective action made possible by the AED Plus,” said ZOLL President Jonathan Rennert.

About the AED Plus The ZOLL AED Plus is the first and only full-rescue AED that provides Real CPR Help ® for depth and rate of chest compressions during CPR. ZOLL’s enhanced Real CPR Help technology is fully compliant with the 2010 American Heart Association Guidelines for deeper CPR chest compressions to help responders provide high-quality CPR. The AED Plus guides rescuers through the

complete Chain of Survival, helping all sudden cardiac arrest victims, not just those who need a shock.

About Ele Taxi ELE 8111111 TAXI, founded in 1991, specializes in corporate and individual clients and in passenger and baggage handling. The company's main goal is to ensure client safety and sense of comfort, relying on the experience of trained drivers and high level of service for which the company is known among customers, who include Polish and international companies as well as individual clients. TAXI 8111111 ELE services are characterized by professionalism, as evidenced by ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 14001:2004 Certificates, the standard recognized and accepted around the world. Ele's modern telephone exchange handles 10,000 orders per day (over 300,000 per month). Taxis are equipped with free Wi-Fi. More information at eletaxi.pl.

About ZOLL Medical Corporation ZOLL Medical Corporation, an Asahi Kasei Group company, develops and markets medical devices and software solutions that help advance emergency care and save lives, while increasing clinical and operational efficiencies. With products for defibrillation and monitoring, circulation and CPR feedback, data management, fluid resuscitation, and therapeutic temperature management, ZOLL provides a comprehensive set of technologies that help clinicians, EMS and fire professionals, and lay rescuers treat victims needing resuscitation and critical care. For more information, visit www.zoll.com.

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