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HAZELWOOD POLICE JOINS OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN HOSTING COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Hazelwood, Mo., (July 20, 2009) – The **Hazelwood Police Department**, in conjunction with the FBI National Academy – Eastern Missouri Chapter and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, will host a **Community Blood Drive on Friday, July 31. The event will be held at Hazelwood Civic Center East, located at 8969 Dunn Road, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This program is part of a Public Safety blood drive being conducted by several law enforcement agencies in both St. Louis County and St. Charles County. Individuals interested in donating blood can make an appointment or walk-in at their convenience. To schedule an appointment, contact Terry Deters at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. His phone number is (314) 291-4741, ext. 227.

In addition to receiving a free t-shirt, all blood donors will have their name entered into a raffle for a chance to win two free box seat tickets for the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Washington Nationals game on August 28. These tickets were graciously donated by Hazelwood Chief of Police Carl Wolf and Hazelwood City Clerk Colleen Klos.

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is a not-for-profit provider of blood products and services to hospitals throughout the St. Louis area. Blood supplies are low this time of year due to high demand. To help build adequate amounts for the region, a Community Blood Drive is being held in Hazelwood on July 31.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Not only is blood needed for those involved in automobile accidents, disasters or trauma situations, but also for people who are scheduled for surgeries at area hospitals on a daily basis. From heart surgery to joint replacements, organ transplants to mothers giving birth, and leukemia treatments to cancer tumor removals, blood is the essential lifeline that keeps people alive.

Each unit of blood collected on July 31st can help save up to three lives through the use of red blood cells, platelets and white blood cells. “All of us are connected in that we each give and receive at different points in our lives,” said Lt. Ken Jewson, Hazelwood Police Department. “Even if we’re strong and healthy today, we may find ourselves in need of blood later on and dependent on the generosity of others. The time taken by one person to give blood can add more precious time to someone in need. Donating blood is one way of giving the gift of life to others.”

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact **Lt. Ken Jewson** at (314) 513-5232 or **Terry Deters** at (314) 291-4741, ext. 227.