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“REMEMBER THE FALLEN” SUMMER BLOOD DRIVES



(St. Petersburg, FL: 6/1/11) The Tampa Police Department (TPD) and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) are dedicating their 2011 Summer Blood Drive Campaign in honor of their fallen officers. The TPD inaugural blood drive event will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Gas Light Park at 411 Franklin St., with a cookout beginning at 11 a.m. The HCSO will follow with their kick off blood drive and cook out on Friday, June 10, 2011 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 520 Falkenburg Rd. and a drive at 1201 Orient Rd. in Tampa from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Over the course of the summer, their goal is to give over 325 blood donations to help save local patient lives.

“As first responders, law enforcement personnel see first hand the need for blood from healthy donors to be immediately available when it is needed most,” said JB Gaskins, FBS Vice President. “It is commendable that not only do they understand the need, but they also help to meet it,” said Gaskins.

All lifesaving blood donors at the TPD/HCSO summer drives will receive a commemorative “Remember The Fallen” T-shirt, listing their names on the back, and a wellness check-up of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count, plus a cholesterol screening. **In addition, citizens are also invited to honor these fallen officers by donating blood at any FBS Donor Center in Hillsborough county the week of June 12-18 and receive this special T-shirt. To find the location and hours of the FBS Donor Centers in Hillsborough county please call 1-800-68 BLOOD (25663) or visit www.fbsblood.org** All FBS donors who give blood two times

between May 1 and August 31, 2011 will be entered into drawings for four cruises courtesy of AAA Auto Club South.

Generally, healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can be blood donors. There is no upper age limit. Identification is required prior to donation. For further information, please call 1-800-68-BLOOD (25663).

Florida Blood Services, is a not for profit, community based provider for the blood needs of patients at 44 hospitals in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk Counties, through the generosity of volunteer blood donors. Over 850 donations are required daily, due to the high quality of medical care in Tampa Bay that serves the most critically ill patients throughout west central Florida.

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