



# EMPLOYER SHOWCASE

## KPD wins blood drive so Killeen Fire Department will wash vehicles again

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KILLEEN DAILY HERALD

For the second consecutive year, the Killeen Police Department won the Boots vs. Badges blood drive that was held Thursday.

“The blood drive was a success with over 45 folks stopping by and donating blood to help save lives,” the KPD posted on its Facebook page Tuesday morning.

In total, 50 people turned out to donate. KPD received 31 votes from the donors to KFD’s 18. One person chose to not support either; said Tiya Searcy, marketing and public relations consultant with Baylor Scott & White.

As payment for losing, the Killeen Fire Department will have to wash KPD patrol cars on July 31.

Last year, KFD washed five KPD vehicles, which they said was approximately the equivalent of the largest fire truck.

Several KPD officers, including Lt. Frank Plowick, Officer Joshua Plowick and Commander Alex Gearhart donated blood to help their cause.



Commander Alex Gearhart of the Killeen Police Department donates blood during the Boots vs. Badges blood drive Thursday at the Killeen Community Center.



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## Operation Phantom Support, Navy Federal Credit Union to host community drives

STAFF REPORT

In July, Americans honor the nation’s independence and the sacrifices that made the United States of America possible. Carter BloodCare encourages all eligible blood donors to honor those that continue to fight for our country’s freedom, with a blood donation.

“Volunteer donors sacrifice one hour of their time to save three lives with each donation,” according to a news release from Carter BloodCare.

Summer is a reminder that blood is

crucial for patients and that maintaining the community blood supply is not always convenient. Summer is also a time when blood is most difficult to come by for Carter BloodCare.

The community blood program relies on volunteer donors to support patients’ time-sensitive blood transfusion needs.

There is no blood substitute for patients requiring transfusions, and each patient receiving blood appreciates the donor for taking time to save their life, according to the release.

### LOCAL DRIVES THIS WEEK

Operation Phantom Support is hosting a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at 401 N. 8th St. in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact John Valentine at 210-887-1217.

Navy Federal Credit Union is hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at 500 W. Central Texas Expressway in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Allison Munden at 1-888-842-6328, extension 9421.

Eat a nutritious meal and drink plenty of water one to two hours before giving blood. Standard eligibility requirements are a minimum weight of 110 pounds, the donor feels well that day and presents a government-issued photo ID at each donation.

Potential blood donors may volunteer at age 16 with parental consent; 17-year-olds may give independently; and there is no upper age limit for donating blood. For more information on donor eligibility and to make an appointment, call 1-800-366-2834 or visit carterbloodcare.org.

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