



BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE

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The City of Henderson Fire and Police Departments, in partnership with Carter Bloodcare, are hosting the annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 from 11AM-6PM at the Henderson Civic Center, located at Lake Forest Park, 1500 Lake Forest Pkwy, Henderson, TX 75652.

After careful consideration, both departments felt that this year should be different from the previous Battle of the Badges, and set aside the friendly competition with one another to unite and rise to the the battle of raising more donations than last year! Last year's drive raised 87 total units donated, and this year's goal is 100+. With current blood donations below average, the Fire and Police Departments are excited about what this year could potentially bring in with the support of the community.

The new location of the Henderson Civic Center will bring several positive factors into play:

- set up and donations will be inside the large air-conditioned Civic Hall, which will be appropriately spaced out for social distancing measures and health safety (there will be 8 screening setups, and 16 donation sites)
- face coverings will be required to enter the Civic Center and during the donation process
- signs will be posted and 6-foot spacings will be marked for safe, social distancing while waiting to donate
- hand sanitizers will be placed at the three main entrances to the Civic Center, at the main entrance into the Civic Hall, and at the exit from the Civic Hall
- CPA Alumni will be set up at a table at one end of the foyer with Back the Blue t-shirts and bracelets (of which the funds raised go back into supporting the PD through the CPA Alumni organization)
- Henderson Fire Department will have a table set up at the other end of the foyer with Paint the Town Pink t-shirts and hats (those funds raised from the sale go into the Cancer Awareness Fund, which is awarded to individuals within the community who are battling cancer)

As a thank you, Carter Bloodcare will be testing all donor blood with the COVID-19 antibody test. Whataburger of Henderson reached out and is donating stress balls for donors to keep and use while donating blood!

We highly encourage all donors to schedule their appointment ahead of time! You can visit www.hendersontx.us and click on Events/Battle of the Badges Blood Drive to schedule your appointment. We will also be accepting walk-ins. Additional safety measures may require donors waiting to remain in their vehicles until they are called in.

Help us re-stock our local blood bank in this critical time of need! The Henderson Fire and Police Departments need YOU for the battle, to achieve the outcome of 100+ donations!