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Community Blood Center and Fraternal Order of Police Hold Memorial Blood Drive for Two Slain Police Officers on May 29

CHARLOTTE – The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) (www.cbcc.us), a non-profit independent blood center which provides more than 90 percent of the blood to 14 area hospitals, and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fraternal Order of Police are partnering to hold a memorial blood drive to honor police officers, Jeff Shelton and Sean Clark. This community blood drive will be held Tuesday, May 29 at several Charlotte-area locations.

- Calvary Church (5801 Pineville-Matthews Road) from 11:00am – 7:00pm
- Derita Baptist (2835 West Sugar Creek Road) from 7:00am – 3:00pm
- Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (4447 South Boulevard) from 7:30am – 6:00pm

“We can’t think of a better way to honor slain officers Sean Clark and Jeff Shelton than with a blood drive that honors the work they did as police officers – a service of saving lives,” said Sergeant Randy Hagler, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fraternal Order of Police. “We want to keep their memory alive and support their families and the community which these two officers lived to protect.”

Each blood donor will receive a free t-shirt and have the opportunity to sign memorial cards that will be given to the Shelton and Clark families. The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas will also be making a contribution to the Shelton and Clark Family Assistance Fund.

“This blood drive signifies the testament to which Jeff Shelton and Sean Clark lived their lives by; serving community,” said Martin Grable, president and CEO of Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. “CBCC is a community oriented organization committed to supporting the lives of our public safety officers. Through our efforts we hope to support both the community’s need for blood and join in the support of the families of officers Shelton and Clark.”

Appointments to donate blood at one of the three locations on May 29 can be made by calling the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas at (704) 972-4700.

About CBCC

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas, a 501(C)(3) nonprofit formed through the combined efforts of the five hospital systems serving the region in 2001, provides more than 90 percent of the blood to 14 area hospitals including: NorthEast Medical Center, Gaston Memorial Hospital, Piedmont Medical Center and all of the Carolinas HealthCare and Presbyterian hospitals in Mecklenburg County. All the blood CBCC collects in the community is returned to the community at the lowest possible cost consistent with the highest required quality. For more information about CBCC, becoming a blood donor or scheduling a blood drive, call 704-972-4700 or visit www.cbcc.us.

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