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Norfolk County Sheriff's Office to Host Community Blood Drive

BRAINTREE, MA – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announced today that his office will be hosting a public blood drive on Tuesday, February 14th, in coordination with the Boston Children's Hospital. The blood drive will be held at the Sheriff's Office's Public Safety Complex in Braintree. A second blood drive for NCSO employees will be held the following week.

"Donating blood is one of the most heroic things that people can do to help others in need, and it's an honor to be able to work with Boston Children's Hospital to host an event like this," said Sheriff McDermott. "Blood donations can literally make the difference between life and death for patients – especially children – who are facing life-threatening injuries and illnesses."

Blood donation appointments take less than an hour and can help as many as four patients who rely on donations from healthy volunteers. Blood donations directly benefit Boston Children's patients undergoing cancer treatment, cardiac surgery or transplant, and those with genetic blood disorders and who need regular blood transfusions.

The Braintree blood drive will take place on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14th, from 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Sheriff's Office's Public Safety Complex at 2015 Washington Street in Braintree. Appointments are required on the Boston Children's Bloodmobile. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints or call 617-355-6677. The sponsor code for the event is NORSHERFB.

All blood donors must be 17-years-old or age 16 with parental consent and weigh 110 lbs. A photo ID is required to donate blood. The Boston Children's Hospital asks participants to eat a healthy meal and be well-hydrated prior to their appointment.

Boston Children's Hospital and the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office are encouraging participants to show their support of the Boston Children's Bloodmobile on social media by using the hashtag #GivePintsForHalfPints.

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