



Joint News Release

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The members of the Lexington Division of Police and Lexington Fire Department are “rolling up their sleeves” to honor fallen officer Bryan J. Durman.

September 7-9, 2010, the departments will be participating in their annual Kentucky Blood Center blood drive.

Normally this is a competition between Fire and Police, but this year the drive is a cooperative effort in memory of Officer Durman. The public safety partners hope to get more donations than ever! To meet that record breaking donation goal everyone in Lexington-Fayette County is being invited to join in!

The idea for this community-wide blood drive came from Officer Durman’s wife, Brandy Durman. Her thoughtfulness is coming at a time when Kentucky Blood Center is in great need of donations. The blood center has been asked to have 500 extra units of blood available during the World Equestrian Games. With so many extra people in town the additional supply may be needed. William Reed, Kentucky Blood Center President and CEO says, “While the drive is about keeping Officer Durman’s memory alive, it is also about serving the community, a community he gave his life for.”

Members of the community can donate at the Beaumont or Andover Kentucky Blood Center locations. Hours of operation during the September 7-9, 2010 drive are: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. To schedule your donation in advance log on to www.kybloodcenter.org

Police and Fire Fighters will be donating at their headquarters on the bloodmobile. The media can make arrangements to attend any of the donation events by contacting police PIO Sherelle Roberts (859) 425-2006, the fire PIO at (859)231-5668 and blood center Marketing Manager Denise Fields (859) 519-3721.

The Kentucky Blood Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for patients at nearly 70 Kentucky hospitals and clinics in more than 60 counties. KBC relies on volunteers to collect 400 pints of blood per day to meet area patients’ needs. Over the last year KBC distributed nearly 130,000 blood components.