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GLENCOE PUBLIC SAFETY TO HOST COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE AT VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY, JUNE 5

(Glencoe, Illinois)—The Village of Glencoe Public Safety Department will host a Community Blood Drive from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, in the apparatus service bay at Village Hall, 325 Hazel Avenue. Community members, including residents, local business employees and Village staff, are invited to participate in this simple, but effective way to give back to the community.

According to blood drive sponsor, LifeSource, the timing of Public Safety’s event this year is paramount as summer months typically see a decrease in the number of blood donations due to vacation traveling and because donors often have to stay home to look after their school age children.

Glencoe Public Safety Officers (PSOs), especially when serving as firefighter/paramedics, are also well aware that the need for blood is constant. In 2003, Glencoe Public Safety Officers saved “one of their own,” a Glencoe resident and fellow PSO, hurt in a tragic boating accident. A great deal of blood was needed to save the PSO’s life, and ever since the department has made hosting a blood drive and giving blood a priority.

Appointments for the Blood Drive are preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome. Donors can schedule their appointment by calling LifeSource at (877) 543-3768, or visiting www.lifesource.org and making an appointment using group code GC32. Participating donors will receive a LifeSource Everyday Heroes shirt while supplies last.

In preparation for their donation, donors are asked to eat well, stay hydrated and arrive with proper identification. The donation process takes about an hour and is both safe and comfortable. Donors must be at least 18 years old to give independently; donors 16 and 17 years of age are welcome with parental consent.

Proper ID is required to donate blood. A LifeSource or military ID, driver’s license or employee badge with a picture and full name are all approved forms of ID. A birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor’s full name will also be accepted. More information can be found on the Village’s website at www.villageofglencoe.org.

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