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Heartland Heroes Blood Drive nets 40 units

FARMVILLE, VA - The Farmville Police Department and the Farmville Fire Department teamed up with the American Red Cross again for the ninth annual "Heartland Heroes Blood Drive" that was held on April 5th. Blood donors were asked to donate blood in honor of the police or fire department. The department generating the most donations received the "Heartland Heroes Blood Drive" trophy provided by The American Red Cross.

The 2019 Heartland Heroes Blood Drive winner was the Farmville Fire Department. The two departments combined recruitment efforts netted 42 units of blood. These 42 donations have the potential to save 126 lives.

According to the American Red Cross, someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds. Blood cannot be manufactured, it must come from a donor, that's why donating is so important. A single donation can help save the life of up to three people and the human body quickly replaces the donated blood.

The Farmville Police Department and the Farmville Fire Department wish to thank John's Memorial Episcopal Church for their assistance in making the blood drive a success. We especially thank those who took time from their schedules and donated blood.

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