

# Oakdale Police News Release



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## Oakdale Community Blood Drive

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**Oakdale, CA** – The City of Oakdale, Oakdale Police Department and American Red Cross would like to invite the public and all public safety personnel to donate blood during the upcoming community blood drive.

The Oakdale community blood drive will take place on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Gene Bianchi Community Center, 110 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The goal is to raise 22 units of life-saving blood.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a computer or mobile device. To get started and learn more, visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) and follow the instructions on the site.