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Burnsville to Host Blood Drive To Support Whole Blood Program and Community

Burnsville's Fire Department is Minnesota's First Ground-Based Agency to Provide Emergency Whole Blood Products

(BURNVILLE, MN – FEBRUARY 26, 2025) – To support its new whole blood program within its ambulance service, the City of Burnsville is holding a community-wide blood drive to support and drive awareness of the ongoing need for blood donations.

“In January and February, there is a generally a drop in blood donations in Minnesota and our teams want to call attention of the need to donate blood during this important time,” said Fire Chief BJ Jungmann. “With our new whole blood program, we need to support blood donations so we can best support our community in this life saving whole blood endeavor.”

In January 2025, Burnsville became Minnesota's first ground-based ambulance service to offer the ability for whole blood transfusions in emergency situations rather than the traditionally used saline based solutions.

“Our first responders are encouraging the community to take the time to donate blood along side us on Tuesday, March 4, from 8 am to 2 pm at Fire Station 1,” Jungmann said. “Giving blood takes less than an hour and can have an impact that lasts a lifetime. Let's roll up our sleeves and help save lives.”

Burnsville Fire Station 1 is located at 14275 Newtown Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55306. Memorial Blood Center's team will be on hand to handle donations. The public can sign up for a time slot by visiting our [sign-up page](#).

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