



## **News Release**

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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

### ***Gainesville Public Safety Agencies Host 9th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Gainesville, Texas – July 17, 2025***

Gainesville Fire-Rescue and the Gainesville Police Department teamed up once again for the 9th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive, held July 17th at the Steven K. Fleming Public Safety Center.

This year's event registered 41 donors (5 first time donors) and collected 41 units of blood - 36 whole blood donations and 2 red cell donations -helping to impact up to 112 lives.

In a friendly competition to see which department could bring in the most donors, Gainesville Police Department came out on top for 2025. However, the true winners are the patients and families who will benefit from these life-saving donations.

"Every year, this event shows the incredible generosity of our community," said Tamara Sieger, Gainesville Fire-Rescue Public Information Officer and Blood Drive Coordinator. "Whether you're Team Fire or Team Police, everyone who donates is a hero."

Carter BloodCare will be scheduling a special presentation for Gainesville Police Department to recognize their victory this year. A big thank-you goes out to all donors and community members who supported the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. Our next drive is scheduled for September 11, 2025 and we hope to see you attend.

For more information about upcoming blood drives, visit [CarterBloodCare.org](http://CarterBloodCare.org).

### **About Carter BloodCare**

Carter BloodCare is an independent, community blood center providing transfusion resources to more than 180 medical facilities in 50-plus counties of north, central and east Texas. The non-profit 501(c)(3) organization is one of the largest blood programs in Texas, delivering more than 450,000 blood products annually to meet hospitals' requirements for their patients. Services include collection, processing, specialized laboratory testing, storage and distribution of blood and blood products.