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## **COUNCILMEMBER CATE TO KICK OFF SDFD'S BLOOD DRIVE** *City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department to host inaugural event*

San Diego, CA – On Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., Councilmember Chris Cate will kick off the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blood Drive by donating a pint of blood. The inaugural event is slated to draw several dozen San Diegans, with the hopes of collecting 50 pints.

According to the American Red Cross, a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The Red Cross needs to collect more than 14,000 blood and platelet donations every day to meet the needs of 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers nationwide. Patients rely on volunteer donors as the only source of blood for those in need of lifesaving blood transfusions. Blood collected at this drive can help ensure cancer patients, trauma victims, surgery patients and others have the blood products needed.

With 48 fire stations, 9 permanent lifeguard stations and 1,300 personnel, the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department encompasses all fire, emergency medical, lifeguard, and emergency management services. This includes 9-1-1 services, fire inspections, permits, and community education.

"As Chair of the City's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I am happy to roll up my sleeves to help those in need. Events like this, saves lives," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

Appointments can be made at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), using the sponsor code FS45.

WHAT: San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blood Drive

DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Councilmember Cate's blood will be drawn at 9:00 a.m.)

LOCATION: City of San Diego Fire Station 45, 9449 Friars Road, San Diego, CA 92108



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