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### **Riverside Police Department Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Results**

Riverside, CA -- On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, the Riverside Police Department participated in the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. The event was held at the Magnolia Police Station. The event was sponsored by the American Red Cross and organized by the United States Probation Department. All blood donations from the event went to Southern California hospitals.

The American Red Cross collected 103 units of blood during the event, which in turn can be used for 309 different patients in Southern California Hospitals. Each unit of blood is separated into three components (red blood cells, plasma and platelets) that are used for different procedures.

Riverside Police Chief Russ Leach thanks the employees, friends and family from the Riverside Police Department as well as the many community members for participating in the event. These donations are especially important because less than three percent of Southern California residents donate blood. Area hospitals are sometimes forced to import blood from out of state when supplies are low.



The following sponsors contributed to this event: Starbucks, Yard House, Cheesecake Factory, Romano's Family Italian Restaurant, Serenity Day Spa, Ancho's, Hooters, Citrus City Grille, Roadhouse Grill, Best Buy, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Islands Restaurant, Chili's, Home Depot, Elephant Bar, El Torito Mexican Grill, Soft Touch Auto Detailing, Applebees, Galls Uniform, PF Chang, TGI Fridays, Morgan Haner (Reflections Hair Salon) and John's Incredible Pizza. Their contributions helped make the event a huge success.