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## Press Release

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The Hudson Police Department sponsored its 58th Semi-Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Two hundred and twenty eight (228) citizens arrived to give blood and the Red Cross collected two hundred thirty-six (236) pints of life-saving blood. This number greatly surpassed the goal of 219 pints.

This blood drive was our first memorial blood drive, held in memory of Officer James K. Stys who retired from the Town of Hudson in 2014 and started a career with the University of Massachusetts Lowell Police Department. Officer Stys fought a courageous battle with cancer and passed away earlier this year. Officer Stys was a proud supporter of donating blood and we missed his presence at our last drive so much that we decided to dedicate this drive to his memory.

For years, there have been carnations and t-shirts given to donors as a token of our appreciation. This year, we added a special touch for Officer Stys. Lively carnations dyed in hues of blue were donated by Flowers on the Hill and the Alvirne High School Floral Design Students attached memorial tags that stated, "Roses are red, this flower is blue. Officer Stys, this pint is for you." Even the t-shirts had a special touch and were inscribed with "Hudson Police Blood Drive in Memory of Officer Stys."

It was a wonderful time to share in something with our law enforcement family and Officer Stys' family and friends.

The donors enjoyed a variety of food, donated by area stores and restaurants. On behalf of the Hudson Police Department and the American Red Cross, we would like to thank the following businesses for donating their services:

#### **FOOD/BEVERAGE/SUPPLIES:**

Margarita's Restaurant  
Bill Cahill's Super Subs  
Chick-fil-a (Amherst St)

**Kendall Pond Pizza (of Hudson)**  
**Mike's Pie**  
**Pizza King**  
**Nan King Restaurant**  
**T-Bones Great American Eatery**  
**Uno's Chicago Grill (Amherst Street, Nashua)**  
**Walmart**  
**Sam's Club**  
**Dunkin' Donuts (Brady Drive, Hudson)**  
**Klemm's Bakery (Windham)**

**RAFFLES/DOOR PRIZES:**

**Dairy Queen of Hudson**  
**Flowers on the Hill**  
**Dream Vacations (Vacation Specialist, Lucy Chesna of Hudson, NH)**

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT:**

**Alvirne High School**  
**Barlo Signs**  
**Continental Academie of Hair Design**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Granite State Glass**  
**Hudson Animal Hospital**  
**Hudson Chamber of Commerce**  
**Hudson-Litchfield News**  
**Hudson Memorial School**  
**Hudson Fire Department**  
**Hudson True Value**  
**Jolt Electric**  
**Suzie's Diner**  
**Teledyne**  
**UMass Lowell Police Department**

**Most of all, thank you to the 228 people who came out to give the gift of life!**

**The next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Hudson Community Center.**