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City plans annual community blood drive

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The City of Clinton will hold their annual community blood drive with Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) on Tuesday, September 10, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The drive will be set up inside at Brighton Park. Donors will be registered for a chance to win door prizes, and all donors will receive a T-shirt.

The yearly competition between the Clinton Police Department and Clinton Fire Department is held to encourage the citizens of Clinton to come out and support their local first responders. At stake are bragging rights and a "traveling" trophy.

There is always a need for blood, but this past summer has seen a critical shortage - not just in Mississippi, but throughout the country. The only way to ensure an adequate blood supply in the case of emergencies and for routine surgeries and medical treatments is to have blood donors commit to donating regularly (at least twice a year) and to encourage others to become blood donors, too. It takes



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Getting ready for the City of Clinton's annual community blood drive are (l to r) Clinton Mayor Phil Fisher, Clinton Police Chief Ford Hayman, Mississippi Blood Services Senior Marketing Representative Tammy Bouchillon, Captain Levius Buckley of the Clinton Fire Department, and Clinton Fire Chief Jeff Blackledge. The blood drive will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Brighton Park.

just an hour of a donor's time, but benefits others for a lifetime.

Donating blood is safe, simple and it saves lives. Donors must be at least 16 years old (16-year-olds need signed parental consent), weigh at

least 110 pounds and have a valid ID.

This is the fifteenth year for the community blood drive.

Visit msblood.com or call 888-90-BLOOD (902-5663) for more information.

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