



ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Chief,

As you may be aware we launched a program 8-years ago for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Education and Research Foundation Scholarship program with LifeSource to develop a blood drive initiative for our communities. As we all know we've seen many of your budgets cut dramatically and education continues to be in the forefront of the items lost in this process. This program is providing funding for the scholarship program every year – **but this program will not survive without your help.**

We need you to hold two-blood drives a year between July 1 – June 30, which is the fiscal year for LifeSource. It's just that simple! We are only requiring a minimum of 30 units per drive, but most drives see at least twice that amount when fire departments are involved. Additionally we have special periods throughout the year where incentive points are available and will enhance the success of your drive.

Once you're interested and want to participate, we will send you an agreement you would sign to participate in this program. Again, this will personally to support this effort. Every donation of a pint of blood is part of a pints that are receive in LifeSource. **We wonderful this program locally.** we need to provide scholarships to success of your tremendous



not work without you and we're asking you presenting donor and point system. The more donated, the more we scholarship funding from **need you to be a part of this opportunity and CHAMPION** The diversity of support is what your personnel with the continue the enhancement of their careers and the department. Equally important, this offers a opportunity for you to create a community event to interact with your residents – there has never been a greater time to make that link!

Be a "Champion" in making our Foundation a strong & reliable source for training OUR FIREFIGHTERS!

Additional information is available by contact Jeff Swanson iafcfrshared@gmail.com or 815-302-4948. We have a team of ambassadors that can assist you in setting this up and making your department shine in your community!

PLEASE, HELP US HELP YOU! We all know someone who's needed critical, lifesaving blood!

Respectfully,

Chief Andrew O'Donnell

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