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**OCEANISDE POLICE OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION AND SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK
TO HOST CODE 3 FIRST RESPONDER DRIVE**

SAN DIEGO (May 30, 2018) – The Oceanside Police Officer’s Association and San Diego Blood Bank are hosting the first annual Code 3 First Responder Blood Drive on Friday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Kohl’s parking lot located at 3410 Marron Road in Oceanside.

The event will honor all first responders in our community and beyond, and will include a blood drive, safety fair, food, games, and entertainment for all ages.

The inspiration for this event developed when Brad Hunter, a 29-year veteran of the Oceanside Police Department, was intentionally hit by a driver last year while he was conducting a traffic stop on another vehicle. He was seriously injured with a shattered lower leg, had extensive reconstructive surgery and was placed in a medically-induced coma for 2 days due to a severe head injury. Today, Brad is in good health, and alongside his wife Vanessa, work to educate the community on the importance of public safety and the need for blood donations.

To be eligible to donate blood you must be at least 17 years old (16 year olds may donate with parental consent), weigh at least 114 pounds and be in general good health. Eligible blood donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment to give by visiting www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org/Donate or calling 1-800-4-MY-SDBB (1-800-469-7322).

About the San Diego Blood Bank

SDBB is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. Our vision is to further ensure the health of our community by simultaneously delivering related health and wellness education and services and extending into research. SDBB is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves hospitals in San Diego, Orange, Imperial and Los Angeles counties with blood transfusion products and reference laboratory services. SDBB currently operates six local donor centers and 10 bloodmobiles. SDBB’s Cell Therapy Program provides lifesaving stem cell transplants to patients worldwide. For more information about SDBB, visit www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the Oceanside Police Officers Association Foundation

The Oceanside Police Officers Association Foundation is a certified 501 c3 non-profit organization that represents officers and non-sworn personnel for benefits, wage and other associated causes. Mail donations to OPOA Foundation, 4141 Avenida de la Plata, Oceanside, CA 92056 or visit their website at www.oceansidepoa.com.

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