



**CASCADE REGIONAL
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Community Press Release

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BUCKLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT: NOT YOUR ORDINARY BLOOD DRIVE!

Buckley Fire Department sponsored the community's largest blood drive in recent years.

(Buckley, WA) – Buckley Fire Department coordinated a large community blood drive with Cascade Regional Blood Services on Saturday, December 19, 2009. This was the department's first community blood drive, which culminated their Annual Santa Project.

Lieutenant Angie Riggsby of the Buckley Fire Department, with help from fellow fire fighters and community members, registered 34 blood donors at the December 19 blood drive. "This was the largest Buckley community blood drive in recent history", said CRBS Blood Drive Consultant Megan Johnson. Pleased with the results, Lt. Riggsby said, "Later this year, we fully plan to beat the record of our first attempt."

In addition to the successful blood drive, the Buckley Fire Department coordinated more than 50 volunteers, and wrapped gifts for 59 families for their annual Santa Project. Through the generosity of the community, the program provided Christmas gifts for 59 families and each blood donor helped to save a life during this Holiday Season.

For over 60 years, Cascade Regional Blood Services has been providing blood products and services to hospitals, clinics and trauma centers in South King and Pierce counties including MultiCare Health System and Franciscan Health System. CRBS is a not-for-profit, volunteer supported community blood resource.

To schedule your appointment at our Tacoma, Puyallup or Federal Way donor centers or for a blood drive near you, please call Cascade Regional Blood Services at 1-877-24-BLOOD or visit www.crbs.net. Blood donations are needed to maintain a consistent blood supply.

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