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Dear Chief,

As you may be aware we launched a program several years ago for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Education and Research Foundation Scholarship program with Vitalant 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.

This programs success is dependent on your participation. We need you to hold two blood drives this year. It's just that simple! We are only requiring a minimum of 25 presenting donors 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, please contact **Linda Markese**, lmarkese@vitalant.org, 312.613.6838, our Vitalant Authorized Manager, and she will match your location to a Vitalant Donor Recruitment Representative who will reach out to you to begin the planning of your blood drive we will they will bring you an agreement you would sign to participate in the program.

This program will not work without your help! Every pint of blood is part of a point system that counts towards dollars for the scholarship program. We need you to be a part of this program and champion it locally. Your help with this program helps to enhance the careers of many through matching scholarship dollars provided by Vitalant to the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Educational and Research Foundation.

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

Additional information is available by contacting us at chiefswanson@outlook.com. 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 J. P. Moore

Foundation President (Ret. Crystal Lake FD)

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