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Cheyenne Police and Fire Departments Compete for Blood Donations During the Annual Guns N' Hoses Blood Drive

CHEYENNE, WY — The Cheyenne Police Department and Cheyenne Fire Rescue are facing off to increase lifesaving blood donations. The annual "Guns N' Hoses" blood drive challenge is on Monday, September 23 at the Public Safety Center.

This competition allows blood donors to cast a vote for the first responder team of their choice. The organization that recruits the most donors will receive a traveling trophy to showcase for the year.

"This friendly competition has become a Cheyenne tradition that makes a significant impact," said Police Chief Mark Francisco. "The recipients of these blood donations are the true winners, and we could not be more pleased to give back to our community."

"Our community benefits greatly from this event as it raises awareness about the critical need for blood donations for surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries," said Fire Chief John Kopper. "Support Cheyenne Fire Rescue by donating and letting them know we sent you! Your contribution can make a life-saving difference."

According to Vitalant, the blood drive comes at an important time – when all blood types are urgently needed. All eligible donors are encouraged to make an appointment to ensure patients are able to receive vital transfusions.

Guns N' Hoses event details:

- Date: Monday, September 23
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
- Location: 415 West 18th Street, Cheyenne, WY

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome – please remember to bring an ID. Donors are asked to prepare beforehand, by eating breakfast and hydrating. Snacks and refreshments will be provided by Vitalant following the donation.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (307) 638-3326 or visit online at <u>www.donors.vitalant.org</u> and enter blood drive code: cheygunshoses

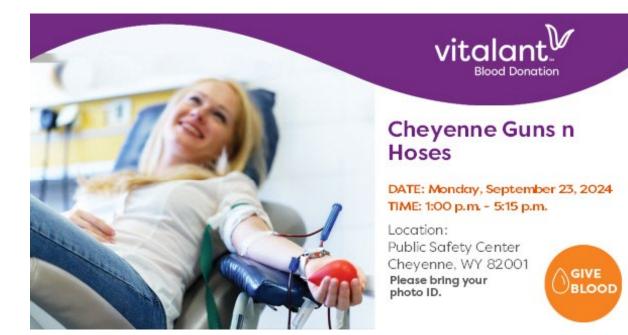


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