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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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TIME 6:00 PM

Police Academy Recruits Host Community Blood Drive

Modesto, CA- Police academy recruits from Academy Class 167 and Delta Blood Bank would like to invite the public and all public safety personnel to donate blood during a community blood drive. The blood drive will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008 at the Stanislaus Sheriff's Regional Training Center located at 3805 Cornucopia Way in Modesto. The blood drive will take place from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the training center gymnasium. "Our blood drive isn't only to give back to the community, it's also to give back to our fellow brother's and sister's in law enforcement who have been injured in the line of duty," said Class Leader Recruit Mandy Smith. All the recruits will participate in the blood drive as well as their family and friends.

This community blood drive is on-going effort to have each police academy class as a whole to participate or sponsor a community service event during their 24-week academy training. "Our hope is this will help teach our recruits about community service, selfless actions, and humility in public service," said Academy Director Lieutenant Jim Gordon.

Donors can contact Class Leader, Recruit Mandy Smith at (209) 482-2009 to sign-up for this blood drive or just show-up at the academy gymnasium between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. All donors will receive a promotional *Recycle the Love* half-pound chocolate candy bar courtesy of Delta Blood Bank.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Royjindar Singh (209) 652-6597.

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