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## **RED CROSS HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF OFFICER STEVEN DODDS**

The American Red Cross and the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office are teaming up for a two day blood drive in honor of Officer Steven Dodds.

The Lincoln City blood drive will be on Monday, June 6, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place at the Lincoln City Community Center located at 2150 NE Oar Place.

The Newport blood drive will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will take place in the parking lot behind the Lincoln County Courthouse at 210 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Officer Steven Dodds, a six-year veteran of the Lincoln City Police Department and 2010 Officer of the Year, was critically injured on January 23, 2011 when he was shot multiple times after he pulled over a vehicle for speeding. He had lost a significant amount of blood by the time he reached the medical center in Portland. According to Dr. Seth Izenberg, Dodds was losing so much blood that doctors had to pump almost 20 pints of blood into him throughout the course of his first operation. Thanks to the actions of the many people involved, Officer Dodds is expected to make a full recovery.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the efforts to replenish local blood supplies" said Brenda Sigmon of the District Attorney's Office. "You never know when you are going to be on the other side, the one who is in need of help from others" said Sigmon. "I want people to understand that donating blood saves lives. Officer Dodds' story proves this true."

To schedule an appointment for this blood drive please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code **LinCoDa** or phone Brenda Sigmon at 541-265-0263.

Most healthy individuals who are at least 17 years of age and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds are eligible to donate blood. Individuals 18 years of age or younger must also meet specific height and weight requirements.

The Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region serves more than 80 hospitals in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska and must have nearly 5,000 whole blood donations and more than 500 platelet products each week to meet the needs of hospital patients.

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