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Mehlville Fire Protection District Hosts Stop the Bleed Course with Support from State Representative Jim Murphy

St. Louis, MO - The Mehlville Fire Protection District is excited to announce that its upcoming "Stop the Bleed" course, scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2024, has garnered overwhelming interest from the community. With the invaluable assistance of State Representative Jim Murphy, the course reached full capacity within just the first week of registration, demonstrating the high demand for emergency preparedness training among our residents.

The "Stop the Bleed" course, which is open to the public, will be conducted by our skilled Community Paramedics and Critical Care Paramedics, led by our dedicated Mehlville Mobile team. This specialized training program is designed to equip citizens with essential life-saving skills, including wound care, bleeding control techniques, and more. These skills are critical in the event of an emergency where immediate action can make a significant difference in saving lives.

Participants in the course will gain hands-on experience and practical knowledge in managing severe bleeding, which is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths in traumatic situations. The training will cover techniques such as applying pressure, using tourniquets, and packing wounds to control bleeding effectively. This vital knowledge can empower ordinary citizens to take action during the crucial moments before first responders arrive.

"We are thrilled by the enthusiastic response from our community," said Chief Brian Hendricks. "The rapid filling of all available spots in this course underscores the importance of providing our citizens with the skills and confidence to respond effectively in emergencies. We are deeply grateful to State Representative Jim Murphy for his generous support, which includes providing each participant with a complimentary Stop the Bleed kit."

The Stop the Bleed initiative is a national campaign aimed at empowering civilians to act quickly and effectively in bleeding emergencies. By hosting this course, the Mehlville Fire Protection District is contributing to a safer, more prepared community. Each participant will leave the course with not only valuable knowledge but also a Stop the Bleed kit, courtesy of Representative Murphy, ensuring they are equipped to put their training into practice if ever needed.

Although all spots for this session have been filled, the Mehlville Fire Protection District is committed to offering additional training opportunities in the future. We encourage those interested to stay informed about upcoming courses and other community safety initiatives by visiting our website at www.mehlvillefire.com or contacting the district at 314-894-0420.

For more information about the Stop the Bleed program or other community safety efforts, please reach out to the Mehlville Fire Protection District.

To discuss the Stop the Bleed course in more detail, please contact Director of Special Projects Bern Aniceto at 314-565-1713 (baniceto@mehlvillefire.com).