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**BURNVILLE FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCES FIRST 911 AMBULANCES IN STATE TO CARRY WHOLE
BLOOD FOR ON-SCENE TRANSFUSIONS**

On Scene Transfusions Speed Care and Recovery, Help Save Lives

(BURNVILLE, MN – JANUARY 16, 2025) Starting in January 2025, Burnsville ambulances will become the first 911 ambulances in Minnesota to be equipped with whole-blood products for patients experiencing significant blood loss. This life-sustaining measure will improve patient outcomes upon hospital arrival by directly addressing blood loss and stopping bleeds.

“As the first 911 EMS team in Minnesota to adopt this practice, Burnsville is leading the way in life-saving EMS services,” said Burnsville Fire Chief BJ Jungmann. “Our crews see the need for pre-hospital transfusions on a regular basis and we know this will lead to better outcomes for patients in the field. We’re excited to get this initiative rolled-out and serve our community.”

In many trauma situations in the field, EMS and ambulance crews rely on saline solution to restore fluid loss. While saline helps keep blood pressure up, whole blood transfusions also help the blood system work more effectively to start the healing process.

“Our community expects the best from our crews and they are delivering it,” Jungmann said. “They been trained in all aspects of caring for the whole blood product and doing in-the-field transfusions. I couldn’t be prouder of how they have embraced the training needed for this and making this all happen.”

January is a critical month in Minnesota for blood donations as donations tend to fall in the winter. Burnsville will be hosting a blood drive in the near future to reinforce the importance of giving blood and saving lives and to help ensure an adequate supply of blood to support these types of programs.

“Everyone in the community could benefit from whole blood transfusions so we are encouraging residents to donate blood when they can,” Jungmann said. “Whether it is at our event with us or at another donation drive, we all benefit when we give.”

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