

MTA Joins Red Cross in 2nd Annual 9/11 Memorial Blood Drive

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(Sept. 5, 2003) MTA and the American Red Cross are teaming-up Sept. 8 and 9 to save lives through sponsorship of the second annual 9/11 Memorial Blood Drive.

The blood drive is scheduled from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, in the Windsor Conference Room on the 15th floor.

"As we remember 9/11, we look at people who were caught in a situation beyond their control," Occupational Health and Safety Manager Pamela Engelke says. "When we give blood to those kinds of people, we contribute toward improving the quality of life."

The first blood drive took place at the Gateway Building and several divisions. "The upcoming blood drive will only be held at Gateway, which makes it imperative that as many people as possible can come from the outside and contribute," Engelke says.

The blood donating process is simple. The donor checks in with the nurse and fills out health history forms. Then a nurse checks the donor's vital signs and discusses the blood drawing process. After that, the donor is ready to give blood.

"We appreciate managers who allow employees to give blood as part of the job duty," Engelke says. "Donors give back to the people of the community who need the blood to survive."

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