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Jackson County Fire Rescue Becomes First Rural County in Florida to Carry and Administer Blood Pre-Hospital

Marianna, FL – Jackson County Fire Rescue (JCFR) is proud to announce the launch of a groundbreaking, life-saving initiative: **the ability to carry and administer blood products pre-hospital**. This milestone makes Jackson County the first rural county in Florida to implement this program, setting a new standard for emergency medical services in rural communities.

Unlike many larger departments that limit blood products to supervisor units, JCFR is carrying blood on *all* frontline ambulances in addition to the shift supervisor's unit. This approach ensures that every responding crew has immediate access to this critical resource, significantly increasing the chances of survival for patients experiencing severe trauma or hemorrhagic shock.

"This program represents a monumental step forward in pre-hospital care for Jackson County," said Chief Brunner. *"We are excited to bring this life-saving capability to our citizens and visitors, knowing it will make a profound difference in critical situations."*

This initiative has been made possible through dedicated grant funding and extensive fundraising efforts, underscoring the commitment of Jackson County Fire Rescue and the community it serves.

JCFR would like to extend sincere gratitude to **LifeSouth Community Blood Centers** and the countless blood donors who make this program possible. Their contributions are the backbone of this initiative, and their selfless generosity will directly save lives in Jackson County.

As Jackson County continues to lead the way in innovative emergency medical services, this program reflects JCFR's ongoing dedication to providing ***Integrity, Compassion, and Excellent Customer Service – Every Call, Every Time.***

For more information about the program or how to help support it, please contact **Chief Brunner at 850-718-0000.**

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ABOUT JACKSON COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Jackson County Fire Rescue is committed to delivering the highest level of emergency medical and fire services to the residents and visitors of Jackson County. Through dedication, innovation, and a focus on community care, JCFR strives to set the standard for excellence in public safety. JCFR covers **955 square miles** with about **47,000 full-time residents**. Established in **1974**, JCFR recently celebrated its **50th anniversary**, marking five decades of dedicated service to the community.

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