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May is National Stop The Bleed Month

(Lineboro, MD- April 16, 2019) – A victim who is suffering from an arterial bleed can succumb to that injury in as little as three minutes and the CDC estimates that approximately 5 million people around the world die every year from accidental & non-accidental trauma. However, 16% of deaths due to hemorrhaging could have been prevented with earlier recognition of bleeding & more rapid and effective hemorrhage control.

For the first time ever, the American College of Surgeons will recognize May as National Stop The Bleed Month, and, for the second year in a row, will recognize May 23rd as National Stop The Bleed Day. During the month of May, the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department will be participating in the Stop The Bleed campaign's grass-roots effort to highlight the importance of Stop the Bleed training and provide the public with information and educational classes.

On Saturday, May 11th, at 9:00 AM, the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department will host a Stop The Bleed class for members of the community. Participants will learn the ABC's of bleeding control, and will also have the ability to see and use a variety of products designed to assist in the management of life-threatening hemorrhage. Attendees should wear clothes that they don't mind getting dirty. Additionally, in order to ensure the best training possible, devices simulating lifelike injuries will be used, and may be graphic to some.

The 'Stop the Bleed' campaign was initiated by a federal interagency workgroup convened by the National Security Council Staff, with the purpose of building national resilience by better preparing the public to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies and man-made and natural disasters.

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