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## Blood Drive: Give So Others May Live

On April 24 at 1130-1600 hours the Bloodmobile will be at S.O.D. Take time to give.

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## Tucker's Van Completed

When Sgt. Paul Tucker's super new van was completed and ready for delivery in early March, it confirmed the realization that by working together for a common goal anything is possible.

On September 29, 1985, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89 and the County Police jointly sponsored a fundraising rally. The goal was to raise enough money to purchase a special van for Paul, who was paralyzed from the waist down in a fall he sustained in the line of duty on June 20. The idea behind the van was to help make Sgt. Tucker mobile, active and independent once more. Through these efforts, a whopping \$35,000 was raised. Because of the van's special equipment and other alterations required, total cost of the vehicle was approximately \$20,000. The remaining \$15,000 has been placed in an account to help with Sgt. Tucker's two son's education.



Examining Paul Tucker's new van are, left to right: Capt. Lawrence Doman, Lt. Richard Welsh, Chief Michael Flaherty, P.O. Carol Landrum and Cpl. John Magruder, Jr.

Some of the van's special equipment and alterations include: a lift for his wheelchair, extra head room in the van made by raising the van's roof and lowering its floor to expand the interior space, hand controls, an electronic driver's seat which actually moves about the different sections of the van, tinted windows, separate heating and air conditioning units for the rear of the van, a luggage rack and an automatic sliding door opener.

Everyone who donated time, energy and money toward this van should feel proud seeing their common goal come to fruition. The comradery involved in a joint effort such as this shows what a police family can do.

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