



Bluffton Police Department

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Bluffton Police Department Toy Drive

Who:

Bluffton Police Department

What:

Annual Christmas Toy Drive

Where:

Bluffton PD, Bluffton Town Hall

When:

Now through Friday, December 16, 2016

The Bluffton Police Department is sponsoring a Christmas Toy Drive for local children. This will be the second year officers have sought donations for the holiday. The goal is to provide gifts for local children who wouldn't otherwise receive anything Christmas morning. A partnership with LowCountry Community Church resulted in the creation of Operation REACH, an effort inside the church where members fill shoeboxes of toys and personal hygiene items. These shoeboxes will supplement the police department's toy drive, and others will be donated to various organizations throughout Bluffton.

Between now and December 16th, the Police Department will be accepting unwrapped toys, jackets, hats and gloves for children ages 0-14. Toiletry items and wrapping paper are also welcomed to be donated as part of the program. Due to a community toy drive earlier this summer, we have a number of stuffed animals to provide families, so those are not needed.

"Providing gifts for these children who wouldn't receive anything otherwise is the true meaning of Christmas. We are blessed this department provides a program like this. We are also very thankful to the LowCountry Community Church and Lowcountry Law Enforcement Officers Association who help us each year," said Police Chief Joey Reynolds.

If you would like to contribute to the Bluffton Police Department's Christmas Toy Drive, you can drop off donations at the Bluffton Police Department Law Enforcement Center (101 Progressive Street/Buckwalter Place) or the Bluffton Town Hall (20 Bridge Street) between now and Friday, December 16th.

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