



City of Ocoee Police Department

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HOLIDAY TOYS FOR KIDS IN NEED

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The Ocoee Police Department is pleased to announce that again this year we are conducting our ***"Holiday Toys, for Kids in Need"*** drive. The success of this program depends on contributions made by the community and it is never too late, or too early, to donate to this effort.

On December 16, 2011, the Department's ***"Holiday Toys for Kids in Need"*** drive will begin distributing donated toys to needy children who have pre-registered. Registration begins November 07, 2011, and will continue until December 2, 2011. See below for registration information. The new toys are collected from generous citizens or purchased through monies raised from various fundraisers. This program, which was started in 1984 to give toys and holiday treats to underprivileged children, who might not have otherwise received any presents, is another true example of the Ocoee Police Department joining with the community to achieve a greater good.

The police officers themselves look forward to the ***"Holiday Toys for Kids in Need"*** drive for many reasons, but especially for the annual "Ocoee Police versus Ocoee Middle School Teachers" basketball game, which has been a tradition in this community since 1986. The Ocoee Middle School students purchase tickets to witness this rivalry and monies raised go to the "Holiday Toys for Kids in Need" fund. The Ocoee Police Department is also hosting a Founder's Day Festival Poker Run for classic cars and motorcycles on November 05, 2011, where monies raised go to the "Holiday Toys for Kids in Need" fund.

Many City of Ocoee employees also donated their time to the ***"Holiday Toys for Kids in Need"*** drive to ensure the success of the program. Since there are no administrative costs, 100% of the proceeds benefit the children and citizens of our community. The program will reach approximately four-hundred families this year, and some of these needy families will also receive food baskets and school supplies.

To register for ***"Holiday Toys for Kids in Need"*** you must be a resident of the City of Ocoee and have the following:

- 1) Valid Florida Driver's License or Florida State Identification Card.
- 2) Proof of Residency (City of Ocoee Water Bill)
- 3) Birth Certificate for each child (6 months to 13 years old only)
- 4) Social Security Card for each child

Bring this information to the Ocoee Police Department, 646 Ocoee Commerce Parkway Ocoee, Florida 34761, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration ends December 2, 2011.