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PRESS RELEASE

Sumner Police Begin Special Year of Sumner's Toy Box

Sumner, WA—The Sumner Police Department is once again partnering with local businesses and individuals to assist families in need this holiday season through the Sumner Toy Box program. Starting now, people can bring new toys to City Hall for any age (up to 18) or a monetary donation that officers will use to buy toys and other items needed. Sumner Police are working with the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center to match toy donations with the wishes and needs of local boys and girls in Sumner who otherwise likely won't receive a gift.

“The economy has hit people hard, and there's more need than ever this year,” said Officer Loren Houselog. “The kids like the toys, but it's really more about letting our neighbors know that we're thinking about them during the holidays and supporting them through a tough time.”

The City Hall Toy Box will be open for donations Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm. Toys should be new and unwrapped. “Elves” who can't make it during those times may contact Records Clerk Sherrie Duggan at (253) 299-5662 or Officer Loren Houselog at (253) 255-6454 to schedule a special appointment to deliver donations. Donations must be received by December 23, 2011, in order to make it to homes in time for the holidays.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Donors wanting their dollars to be shared in the Sumner community should bring donations to the Sumner Police Department or mail them to Sumner Police Guild, attn: Toy Box, 1104 Maple Street, Sumner, WA 98390.

Those knowing a family in need who may want to participate or wanting to set up a satellite collection site at their business should also contact Ms. Duggan or Officer Houselog. The Sumner Toy Box is operated by the Sumner Police Department in partnership with the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center, East Pierce Fire & Rescue and Toys for Tots.

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