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PRESS RELEASE

Sumner Police Distribute Over 1000 Toys

Sumner, WA— This past December, a number of Sumner Police Department employees and volunteers assisted with the collecting, wrapping, sorting, labeling and delivering of approximately 1,000 toys, making Toys for Tots a great success for the Sumner area.

Toys for Tots is a program of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Every year, the program supplies unwrapped toys for needy children. This year, the war, the toy recall and the local floods led to an extreme depletion in toys, donations and personnel. However, other volunteers and sources stepped forward to meet the demand.

Sumner Police Department hosted three wrapping events in December. Over 30 volunteers attended to successfully sort, label and wrap 1,000 presents. Volunteers included Sumner Police personnel, high school students, parents, members of the 4-H club, church groups, and other individuals. As toys came in, volunteers sorted them by gender and age, making designated stacks that lined the hallways at the Sumner Police Department, giving the impression of a Santa's workshop.

The toys were delivered to Daffodil Elementary, Maple Lawn and Sumner Middle Schools on December 11 by Chief John Galle, Chaplain Art Sphar, and officers of the Sumner Police Department. Other toys were picked up directly at City Hall, and the rest were donated to local churches and the Sumner Family Center.

“Due to the commitment, time, and energy given by employees and volunteers alike, the Sumner Police Department was able to accomplish its vision of Toys for Tots by delivering wrapped presents for children throughout its community. I want to thank everyone who made this opportunity a fulfilling success,” said Lisa De Grandis, Lead Communications Officer, who coordinated the effort for Sumner Police.

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