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LPPD Officers grow beards for Blue Santa Fundraiser



Blue Santa Drop-off points, with donation boxes such as those depicted, are located at most City buildings

Don't be surprised if you find it hard to recognize your favorite La Porte Police Officer this holiday season. The La Porte Police Department is giving a reprieve to the normally smoothly shaved faces for all La Porte Police Department (LPPD) uniformed officers who make a donation to the Blue Santa Program this year.

Anticipating an increase in need of families in the La Porte Community due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey, LPPD employees were looking for a way to raise funds for the Blue Santa Program. To boost the fund, police employees can make a minimum \$50 donation to the Blue Santa Program. Officers who donate can then put their razors down and grow their beards for the months of November and December. In order to allow the ladies to participate, civilian employees will also be allowed to relax the dress code and wear jeans for the same two month period.

The La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LCPAAA) recently held their annual Blue Santa garage sale netting just under \$800. In addition to the individual officer donations, the La Porte Police Officer Association has pledged to contribute a donation to the program as well. "We look forward to seeing the impact this incentive has on the Blue Santa program and the joy it brings to so many needy families each year", said Chief Ken Adcox who approved the Blue Santa fundraiser.

The LPPD Blue Santa Program began seven short years ago, and has already resulted in the distribution of gifts, toys, and many other items for thousands of children who might not otherwise have had a Christmas.



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With the help of La Porte Police Officers, the La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, various City departments, and many generous community donors, the program is able to provide local families with assistance and gifts throughout the Christmas Holidays. In 2016 the Blue Santa Program assisted approximately 600 families touching about 800 children.

La Porte Police Department emphasizes that it is through local teamwork, such as the Blue Santa Program, that we can all make a difference in the lives of those who find themselves in a less fortunate position, especially after a local disaster such as Hurricane Harvey. We are asking the La Porte community to join us, and help in assisting local families have a great Holiday Season.

If you wish to join us in making this season a merry one, new unwrapped toys can be dropped off starting November 3rd, 2017 at: La Porte City Hall, La Porte Police Department Lobby, La Porte Fitness Center, La Porte EMS facility, La Porte Animal Shelter, Baker 6th Grade Campus, Heritage Elementary, Beacon Federal Credit Union, Shell Credit Union, Wells Fargo Bank, La Porte Kroger, El Rancho restaurant, Kings BBQ, Mainly Drinks, Taqueria Arandas, Dr. Peres Chiropractic, Ed Jones Financial Services, S&S Investigations, Harvey/Rihn Aviation, Fischers Hardware, Lynn's Barber Shop, and First Assembly of God.

Also, tax deductible monetary donations for the program can be made to the La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, a registered 501(c)3. Checks made out to the Association can be dropped off anytime at the La Porte Police Department, 3001 North 23rd Street.

For further information concerning the program, please contact LPPD's Support Services Division at 281-842-3124, or call the La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association at 281-842-3149. Their website can also be located at <http://www.lpcpaaa.org/>