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LPPD brings back the Beards & Jeans for Blue Santa, Fundraiser



LPPD Officers Shane O'Sullivan and Andrew Heiden, showing off their Blue Santa Beards

Cool weather brings bearded faces? Following last year's successful Beard and Jeans Blue Santa Fundraiser, with more than 60 La Porte Police Department Employees contributing nearly \$4000, we are bringing back the beards.

To boost the fund, police employees can make a minimum \$50 donation to the Blue Santa Program. Officers who donate are allowed to 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 were allowed to relax the dress code and wear jeans for the same two month period.

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. In 2017 the Blue Santa Program assisted over 1,100 registered families receiving gifts for local children.

If you wish to join us in making this season a merry one, starting November 5th, new unwrapped toys can be dropped off 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 Ranchero 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.



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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/>