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LPPD brings back beards and jeans for *Blue Santa* fundraiser



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

October 25, 2019, La Porte Police Department - As the weather changes so do the faces. Following previous successful years of *Beard and Jeans Blue Santa Fundraisers*, with La Porte Police Department (LPPD) employees contributing thousands of dollars, LPPD is bringing back beards, jeans, colorful hair, and nails.

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 are allowed to relax the dress code, to be able to wear jeans for the same two month period and paint their fingernails the color of their choice. Additionally, uniformed female officers may change the color of their hair to a peek-a-boo style.

The LPPD Blue Santa Program began nine 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 traditional Christmas gifts. In 2018, the Blue Santa Program assisted over 900 registered families, who received more than 1500 gifts for local children.

If you wish to join LPPD in making the season a merry one, starting mid-November, new unwrapped toys can be dropped off at: La Porte City Hall, La Porte Police Department, La Porte Fitness Center, La Porte EMS, La Porte Animal Shelter, Baker 6th Grade Campus, Heritage Elementary, Lomax Junior High, Beacon Federal Credit Union, Shell Credit Union, Amegy



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Bank, La Porte Kroger, El Rancho restaurant, King's BBQ (east and west locations), Dr. Peres Chiropractic, Ed Jones Financial Services, S & S Investigations, Harvey/Rihn Aviation, Fischer's Hardware, Dollar General (both S. Broadway locations), Noltex, Frank Nance State Farm, Lynn's Barber Shop, S & B Engineers and Constructors LTD, AMECO, 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 281-842-3118 or visit their website at <http://www.lpcpaaa.org/>.