



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF

MEDIA RELEASE

BOB BROOKS, Sheriff

web site: www.vcsd.org

Nature of Incident: Annual Sheriff's Food and Toy Drive

Location: Countywide

Date & Time: Friday and Saturday, December 17 and 18, 2004

Unit Responsible: Sheriff's Department Employees and Families

Description: It's time again for the "Share-iff's Annual Food and Toy Drive." Every year, Sheriff's Department employees, families, and friends donate, wrap, and distribute toys and full dinners to special families throughout Ventura County. Tonight, December 17th, beginning at 6:00 pm, volunteers will meet at the Sheriff's Training Academy (425 Durley Avenue, Camarillo Airport) to wrap hundreds of gifts. Tomorrow night, December 18th, beginning at 6:00 pm, the gifts and dinners will be distributed via vans and cars from the Academy, as well as at three "Santa's Workshops" located at the Ojai Police Station, County Government Center, and the East County Station.

Last year about 700 gifts and 220 dinners were given to families throughout the county. Families are nominated by social service agencies, workers, and others as deserving of extra help during the holidays. New toys are donated by county employees, residents, and businesses. The dinners are purchased with private donations.

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