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Press Release

Westport Police Department Announces 2020 Holiday Toy Drive

(Westport, CT) The Westport Police Department Local Union #2080, in partnership with the Westport Police Benevolent Association, are excited to announce the commencement of the Holiday Toy Drive. This annual event provides toys to underprivileged children throughout Fairfield County and both to Bridgeport and Saint Vincent's Hospitals.

This program has been extremely successful in the past, allowing thousands of toys to be distributed to children who otherwise would have none. We again ask for your continued support and generosity to help make this year's drive a success. By donating, you are guaranteed to bring holiday joy to so many deserving children.

Weather permitting, Westport Police Officers will accept new, unopened, and unwrapped toys, as well as cash donations, in the parking lot of ASF Sports & Outdoors, located at 1560 Post Road East, Westport, on the following Saturdays and Sundays: December 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Officers volunteering on-site will be wearing personal protective equipment and can accommodate the contactless drop off of donations. While it may look a bit different this year, COVID-19 will not stop us from spreading holiday cheer!

Another significant change to please note is that due to building access restrictions implemented in response to the current pandemic, donations, unfortunately, cannot be accepted at Westport Police Headquarters or Westport Town Hall as they have been in the past. Despite this change, new donation locations have been added at several local businesses.

Collection boxes will be set up from the present date until December 14, 2020, at the following Westport stores:

Age of Reason 9 Post Road West (203) 557-3772

ASF Sports & Outdoors 1560 Post Road East www.shopASF.com or (203) 255-4460

Awesome Toys and Gifts 429 Post Road East <u>www.awesometoys.com</u> or (424) 293-7663

The Toy Post 180 Post Road East <u>www.thetoypostct.com</u> or (203) 557-8888

Donations at these locations can be made remotely and/or in person. Please consult these individual businesses for their hours of operation.

Any other questions can be directed to Corporal Albert Nowinski via email at ANowinski@WestportCT.gov or (203) 341-6000.

We would like to thank in advance all of our continually generous donors. We once again look forward to seeing many of you at ASF Sports & Outdoors. Best wishes to all for a happy, safe and healthy holiday season from the Westport Police Department!

> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – November 25, 2020 Lieutenant Anthony Prezioso CONTACT: Corporal Albert Nowinski <u>ANowinski@WestportCT.gov</u> or (203) 341-6000