

41st Anniversary

CHRISTMAS COPS

How To Help...

Get Involved!

- Become a Collection Site
- “Adopt a Family”
- Organize a Teen Gift Drive
- Donate Gift Cards
- Organize a Coat Drive
- Donate ‘New and Unwrapped’ Items



Make A
Financial
Contribution!



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2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 17

Collection boxes are distributed to local businesses throughout Plano.

November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

December 5

Collection boxes are picked up and taken to our warehouse for sorting and inventory.

December 20

Distribution Day for Santa and his helpers in police uniforms.

December 25

Merry Christmas to All!

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Plano Police employees helping local families in need since 1984, by collecting and distributing food, toys, and jackets or coats to families in need in Plano.

Each of the families selected are referred by a Plano Police employee who has met the family through their police duties.



ABOUT CHRISTMAS COPS



21ST ANNIVERSARY

The Christmas Cops Program, sponsored by the Plano Police Association, is operated by Plano Police employees and volunteers. This program was created in 1984 by several Plano Police Officers who saw a need in the community during the Christmas season. Over the years, this program has helped thousands of local families with gifts of toys and food. Each year the number of families requesting assistance has increased and we anticipate an even greater need this year.

Early in the year, Christmas Cops team members begin to prepare for the season by contacting collection sites across Plano. In October, collection boxes are placed in local businesses throughout the community and serve as the program's collection sites. Once the donated items are retrieved from the collection sites, time is spent inventorying and sorting the items. Finally, family boxes are packed based on the specific needs of each family.

Several days before Christmas, Santa and his helpers in police uniforms distribute gifts of toys and coats to area families. Plano Police Chief Ed Drain, members of the Plano City Council, alumni from the Plano Citizens Police Academy, and family members of Plano Police employees and volunteers also participate.

How Our Program Works

Throughout the year, police employees come in contact with families in need. During the holiday season, these needs may be much more profound. The Christmas Cops Program assists not only the children in these families, but the entire family as well with toys, coats, and a gift card for food.

The families assisted by the program are known to and referred by Plano Police employees. The family's needs are verified by Plano Police Officers or the Christmas Cops Committee members before being accepted into the program. The basic requirements include:

- (1) The family must be known to the Plano Police Department through an employee's duties. (*The family may be a victim of a crime or become known to the employee through their police duties*);
- (2) The needs of the family are temporary in nature brought about by unforeseen hardship (*victim of a crime, economic downturn/layoff, injury, etc.*);
- (3) There are children in the home who may not have a Christmas without our intervention.

Our program generally does not assist families who are on other assistance programs unless there are extreme circumstances which would support this decision. We realize that we are not a long-term solution to the problems of families in need. However, we seek to help families that police employees meet through their work experiences.

Our Most Requested Items

Baby Diapers (all sizes) • Baby Formula (powdered) • Baby Blankets and Infant Toys • New Coats/Jackets (all sizes) • Blankets and Bedding (all sizes) • Bicycles and Tricycles • Portable Game Systems and Games • Educational Toys and Games • Arts/Crafts and Drawing Supplies • Educational Books and School Supplies • Soccer/Basketball/Football/Sports Balls • **Teen Items:** Beauty Items, Wallets Watches, Perfume and or Cologne, Earbuds/Headphones, etc. • **Gift Cards:** Movie Theaters, Fast Food, Apple, Amazon, Target, Walmart

Use these QR codes to quickly and easily make a monetary donation or purchase a donation item from one of our retail partners.



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