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2026 COPS & KIDS EVENT

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Maricopa Lodge #5 is proud to announce our 2026 “*Cops & Kids*” Back to School Event. This event will take place at the Walmart Supercenter located at 13770 W Bell Rd, Surprise Arizona. (Date and time to be announced in July.)

The program is designed to unite Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies and members of the Maricopa Lodge #5 with disadvantaged local children for a special day of shopping. Each child is guaranteed new shoes, several outfits of clothing, and backpacks with school supplies helping ensure they begin the school year with confidence and dignity.

Children and families will be carefully identified and screened by a committee of local law enforcement officers and educators to ensure assistance reaches those children most in need. On average, approximately \$200 will be spent on each child, directly improving their readiness for school and easing the financial burden on their families. Our goal is to sponsor as many children as possible through the support of donations from our citizens, organizations and businesses here in Maricopa County.

All contributions directly benefit the “*Cops & Kids Event*”. As a nonprofit organization, donations may also be used at the discretion of FOP, Maricopa Lodge #5 to support officer training, member assistance, and other community programs benefiting children, ensuring your generosity has a lasting and meaningful impact. The FOP, Maricopa Lodge # 5, firmly believes this program strengthens our community by investing in its future, our children. Beyond the material support, this event creates a unique opportunity for children and police officers to interact in a positive, supportive environment, helping to break down barriers and foster trust, understanding, and long-term relationships.

Our mission goes beyond financial assistance. We want every child to know they are supported, valued, and that there are caring adults and officers they can turn to during times of need. With your partnership, we are confident we can make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families across Maricopa County and surrounding communities. We sincerely appreciate your consideration and support as we work together to strengthen our community and invest in the well-being of our children.

Sincerely,

Deana Carter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deana Carter".

Ret. Deputy Sheriff
Lodge 5 President
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