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## BPD and BFD Gear Up For Toys for Tots 2011

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Berkeley, California (Wednesday, November 2, 2011) In one of the many events throughout the year in which members of the City of Berkeley Police and Fire Departments give back to the community, BPD and BFD are again teaming up with the U.S. Marines Corps Foundation **TOYS FOR TOTS** Program 2011. Each year, toys are given to Berkeley children who might not otherwise receive any toys during the holidays. Members of BPD and BFD expect to give over 3000 new toys to youth during this year's event.



Some of the many toys given to Berkeley children

The goal of the program is to deliver a message of hope to youngsters whose families are in need and to support each of them in becoming responsible, productive community members and future leaders.

**TOYS FOR TOTS** is open to all City of Berkeley families who pre-register through Eden I & R, Inc. Community members should call **2-1-1**. The Berkeley Police Department does not accept any registrations. **TOYS FOR TOTS** registrations must be made through Eden I & R. The following are requirements for eligibility:

- Applicants must verify Berkeley residency with a utility bill that contains the same name and address.
- Applicants must have photo identification.
- Applicants must have a Client Code Number that is assigned at the time the application is made over the phone.
- Applicants must show up for the give away - no substitutions accepted.

Qualifying families can register anytime after November 1, 2010. Registration ends at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2010. Toys will be given out to registered families on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ronald T. Tsukamoto Public Safety Building, 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Community members who want to support **TOYS FOR TOTS** are invited to drop off new unwrapped toys at any of the City of Berkeley Fire Stations and the Ronald T. Tsukamoto Public Safety Building.

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