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Berkeley Police and Fire Department team up with the US Marines for Toys for Tots

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Berkeley, California (November 5, 2012), This year the tradition continues. The City of Berkeley Police and Fire Departments (BPD & BFD) are teaming up with the U.S. Marine Corp Foundation TOYS FOR TOTS Program 2012, to give back to the community. Each year toys are given to Berkeley children who might not otherwise receive any toys during the holidays. It is expected that members of BPD will give over 3000 new toys to youth during this year's event.

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. All registrations must be made through Eden I & R Inc. and can be done by calling 2-1-1. The Berkeley Police Department does not accept registrations. The following are requirements for eligibility:

- ❖ Applicants must verify Berkeley residency with a utility bill that contains their 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 personally show up for the toy distribution - no substitutions can be accepted.

Qualifying families can register anytime after November 7, 2012. Registration ends at 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2012. Toys will be given out to registered families on Saturday, December 22, 2012 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.

People wishing 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 Tsukamoto Public Safety Building.

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