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30th Year of “Shop with a Cop”

Tacoma, Wash. – Officers of the Tacoma Police Department have not let COVID-19 stand in the way of continuing the “Shop with a Cop” program for youth in the community this year. The program, which provides underprivileged children and their families in the greater Tacoma area with gifts, will look slightly different this year.

On Saturday December 12, officers will head to Tacoma Police Department Headquarters in staggered shifts to pick up a personalized gift package for each child and their family. Officers will then head to the homes of the children and personally deliver the holiday gifts directly to their front doors.

This is the 30th year of the “Shop with a Cop” program.

The “Shop with a Cop” program receives numerous applications from schools in the Tacoma School District, as well as children nominated by the police department’s own officers. After a careful screening process, the children are selected and paired with officers.

Over the years, the “Shop with a Cop” program has helped over 2000 of Tacoma’s children. Volunteers also spend countless hours to organize the event. The program is made possible by donations from the public and Tacoma Police Officers. Ninety-nine percent of the donations collected go directly to the children served.

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