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OCPD GEARS UP FOR HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Ocean City Police Department 2008 Christmas Food and Toy Drive distribution is right around the corner and the Ocean City community has come together again to lend their support to families in need.

With an overwhelming amount of donations from employees, local business owners and Ocean City residents, the OCPD is predicting that this year will be bigger than ever before.

On Thursday, December 11, 2008, the Delmarva Condominium Managers Association (DCMA) stopped by the Public Safety Building with several bags of toys and a donation of over \$3000. "The DCMA supports many charities in its ongoing mission to improve the community," commented Bob Paroda, president of the Ocean City DCMA. "Not only do we have an outpouring of donations from DCMA members, but it would not be possible for us to make this donation without the help of our vendors." For a list of businesses that helped contribute to the DCMA donation, please visit <http://www.dcmaoc.org/Supporters.html>.

Another generous donation came from Fager's Island, who held their annual Christmas Toy Drive on Friday, December 12, 2008, with all proceeds benefiting the OCPD Christmas Needy Drive. Along with \$789, Fager's Island employees and guests contributed a large amount of toys.

Additional community donations came from The Greene Turtle, The Ocean City Hibernians and several independent community members. Atlantic Physical Therapy lent their support by donating over 10 bicycles.

"Every year I am amazed by the generosity of our community," commented OCPD Chief Bernadette A. DiPino. "Even during one of the most difficult economic times our country has seen, Ocean City community members still pull together to provide for those individuals who are less fortunate than themselves. It truly is what Christmas is all about."

The 2008 OCPD Christmas Needy Drive Distribution will be held on Saturday, December 20th at the Public Safety Building. If you would like to volunteer during the distribution, please contact Jessica King at 410.520.5395.

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Members of the Delmarva Condominium Managers Association pictured donating a trailer full of toys for the 2008 OCPD Christmas Food and Toy Drive. The group also presented OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino with a check for almost \$4000. Pictured from left to right: Pat Walton (Rainbow Condo), Dawn Lawson (Plaza Condo), Bob Paroda (President of the DCMA), Chief DiPino, Karen Burton (Antigua Condo), Ryan Lewis (Antigua Condo), Mike Jones (Atlantis Condo) and Frank Clark (Ocean Net)

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Several Members of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians seen with OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino presenting toys for the 2008 OCPD Christmas Food and Toy Drive. Pictured from to right: Mary Wheeler, Margaret Krach, Maureen O'Brien and Pat Durkin.

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Employees of Atlantic Physical Therapy pictured donating 10 children's bikes for the 2008 OCPD Christmas Food and Toy drive. Members of Atlantic Physical Therapy are pictured with OCPD Captains Kevin Kirstein and Victor Bunting.

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Fager's Island Associate Manager Paul Corbett is presenting OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino with a donation of almost \$800 as well as toys for the 2008 OCPD Christmas Food and Toy Drive.

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