



# NEWS RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **MOOSE LODGE DONATES HUNDREDS OF STUFFED ANIMALS FOR TRAUMA VICTIMS**

On Monday, May 18, 2008, the Ocean City Police Department received over 100 stuffed toy moose, donated by members of the Salisbury Moose Lodge 651.

The stuffed moose will be used to provide officers the option to give the stuffed toys to small children who have been either the victims of crimes, or have been involved in a stressful or frightening situation in which the police were present. These toys help aide in calming children and creating a level of trust when dealing with police officers. In addition, the moose help foster a more positive attitude when police are at a situation involving children.

With the thoughtful and generous donation of these moose, the Moose Lodge and its members are helping to ensure the OCPD has the resources necessary to effectively and compassionately deal with children involved in traumatic situations.



**Pictured with Chief DiPino from Right to Left (front row):** Warren Hall, John J. Cihak, Carl RSchmidt, James Bolling, Michael Boris, Tim McElwain (back row) Gary Johnson, Randall Porter, Mark Lotterman, Earl Sellars, Olivia Schmidt, Bill Highberger.

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