



# NEWS RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release:**

### OCPD DONATES 75 FOOD BASKETS AND HUNDREDS OF TOYS TO OCEAN CITY FAMILIES

The annual OCPD Christmas Needy Drive proved to be a blessing to many local families. The annual OCPD Christmas Needy Drive proved to be a blessing to many local families. With a volunteer crew of more than 50 people, Chief Bernadette DiPino and her staff tended to more than 70 families, including more than 150 children, this past Saturday at the Public Safety Building.

The OCPD Christmas Needy Drive was started by Chief DiPino's grandfather in the Baltimore Police Department many years ago. The tradition was continued by her father in Baltimore, and later by Chief DiPino in Ocean City. This year is the 14th year for the OCPD Christmas Needy Drive and each year the event has grown.

This year, the Department was fortunate to have received over 20 bicycles that were donated by Harborside Refrigeration and Atlantic Physical Therapy. In addition, hundreds of toy and monetary donations came from the Delmarva Condominium Managers Association, Fager's Island, The Greene Turtle, The OC Hibernians, the OC Elks, the 1st State Detachment Marine Corps League, The Caines Woods Association, The Red Knights Intl. Motorcycle Club, and several Ocean City community members.



The OCPD Christmas Needy Drive volunteers not only helped families load toys and boxes of food for the holidays, but also assisted in transportation for some people who otherwise would have had to take the bus. Chief DiPino was very pleased with the event. "Every year our community seems to be more generous than ever. I was truly overwhelmed by the donations we received and on behalf of the Ocean City Police Department, and the families who received these wonderful gifts, I can not thank our community enough." The Ocean City Police Department sincerely thanks all of those who made donations in support of this event.

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