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Additional Toys Still Needed for Annual Toys for Joy Program

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Puget Sound Fire is in the middle of its toy collection for the annual Toys for Joy holiday program. The Toys for Joy program provides toys for children up to 12 years of age in communities within Puget Sound Fire's response area. The need for toys is greater this year than ever, and the number of toys that have been collected to date is not yet sufficient to meet this greater need. Toys are needed for children from infant to 12 years old. There is also a need for new, youth-sized bicycles.

The Toys for Joy program only exists because of the generous donations of our local community members. Historically, that generosity has been tremendous, and we respectfully ask for the community's continued support. To meet this year's need, our goal is to collect an additional 1,500 toys within the next seven (7) days. Puget Sound Fire, Puget Sound Fire Fighters (IAFF Local 1747), and the Kent Firefighters Foundation thank those that have already donated toys or money to the program and appreciate the generosity.

Donations for new, unwrapped toys are still being accepted at any of Puget Sound Fire's 17 fire stations and participating businesses through December 20. Visit www.pugetsoundfire.org/toysforjoy for additional information and station locations.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Donations can be made through the Puget Sound Fire Fighters (IAFF Local 1747) website at <https://www.iaff1747.org>. Firefighters will use the donated funds to purchase additional toys for the age groups that are in need.

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