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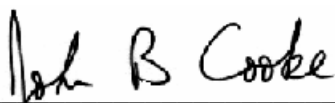
If you have not thought about it the Christmas season is fast approaching. Those who run the annual Santa Cops program are already busy starting the 2007 season. The Santa Cops of Weld County program exists to provide gifts to children who may not otherwise receive one. Almost everyone has heard the saying “the greatest gift is the gift of giving.” That is one of the main reasons police officers and citizens alike volunteer their time each year to be a part of the program. Santa Cops started in 1986 and that year alone made sure 300 children received gifts. Last year the program served 2684 children. The program provides gifts for children from infancy to 17 years old.

Throughout the year the program receives referrals from law enforcement officers, schools, Weld County Social Services, and the Weld County Probation Department. The gifts are then wrapped by Santa Cops volunteers and delivered by law enforcement officers in the middle of December.

Santa Cops would like to bring a gift to every referral they receive. Because all financial support is completely funded by the public some years the program can not fulfill all the referrals. No person in the program is compensated with donations or money. All financial contributions go directly to the purchase of toys. The Santa Cops Program is accepting donations of new or slightly used toys and financial gifts. If you would like to participate in the program by helping wrap gifts the program can also use your help.

Any contributions of gifts or money can be made through Officer Autumn Dickerson, Santa Cops Treasurer, Milliken Police Department, 1109 Broad Street, Milliken, CO, 80543.

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