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Season of Giving: Lakeland Fire Department Toy Drive Starts November 14

Lakeland, FL - The Lakeland Fire Department (LFD) is excited to announce that the department's annual holiday toy drive kicks off Wednesday, November 14, 2018 and runs through Friday, December 14, 2018.

Community members are welcome to drop off a new, unwrapped toy at any of LFD's seven fire stations and Fire Administration Building. The toy drive will benefit the Children's Home Society of Greater Lakeland (<https://www.chsfl.org>) and the Dream Center of Lakeland (<http://dreamcenterlakeland.org>), who will distribute the collected gifts to Lakeland's children in need.

This is the sixth year in a row that the Lakeland Fire Department sponsors a toy drive and the event has been very successful every year thanks to the donations from the community and firefighters, who generously provide toys.

"Out of the many events our department sponsors and participates, this is one we all look forward to every year" says Fire Chief Doug Riley. "The holidays are a time to reflect on our blessings and to give back to those in need. This annual toy drive helps hundreds of children in Lakeland by allowing them to enjoy the holidays with a toy someone provided just for them."

Collection boxes are located at all seven Lakeland fire stations. Station locations can be found at <http://www.lakelandgov.net/lfd> or by calling (863) 834-8200.

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