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## Vienna Police Join Forces to Support Santa's Ride

Vienna police officers armed with donated toys and other surprises will soon join other Northern Virginia agencies on a very special detail – to bring holiday cheer to sick children in local hospitals. It's all part of Santa's Ride, a collective drive led by Santa Claus and regional law enforcement agencies to deliver donated gifts to young patients in Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center and to children in need in the community.

Vienna residents who wish to support Santa's Ride can drop off new, unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts at the Vienna Police Department, 301 Center St. S; the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE; or Vienna Town Hall during normal business hours. **All items must be dropped off by 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023**.

Police officers on motorcycles from multiple jurisdictions will escort Santa to local schools and government buildings to pick up the donated items and deliver them to hospitals and to community children in need on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Santa's Ride 2023 is supported by the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, City of Fairfax Police Department, Falls Church Sheriff's Office, Herndon Police Department, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Vienna Police Department and Virginia State Police.

For more information, contact Vienna Police dispatcher Ruth Rohr, who is coordinating the Vienna Santa's Ride effort, at <u>Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov</u> or 703-255-6366.

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