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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS 2004

Sheriff Richard Pierce announced today that a press conference will be held at the Fresno County Sheriff's Department Administrative Building, 2200 Fresno St., on Thursday, December 16, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. to kick off "OPERATION SANTA CLAUS." Following the press conference the men and women of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department will begin this worthy cause. This thirteenth annual event will bring gifts of food, coats and toys to families in Fresno County whose holidays have been marred by crime or poverty.

Last year, "OPERATION SANTA CLAUS", was able to provide a Christmas dinner for approximately 500 families and toys for more than 3,000 children. This year Santa's list is even longer.

This year's project is made possible by generous donations and assistance from many area businesses. The following are the major contributors: Toys-4-Tots Program, Pleasant Valley State Prison staff and inmates, Food Maxx, and the Salvation Army.

Members of the media are welcome to attend the press conference. The media can ride along with the officers as the gifts are distributed. For more information, contact Fresno County Sheriff's Community Service Officer Addie Delgadillo at 488-2527.