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Wal-Mart and Fort Pierce Police help local kids “Shop With a Cop”

FORT PIERCE – Wal-Mart and the Fort Pierce Police Department will be helping more than 30 kids shop for special gifts this holiday season at the local Wal-Mart Supercenter as part of the second "**Shop With a Cop**" event.

On **Friday, December 21, at 9:00 a.m.**, more than 20 police officers from the Fort Pierce Police Department will team up with kids at the **Wal-Mart Supercenter located at 5100 Okeechobee Road in Fort Pierce** to purchase gifts for family, friends or themselves.

The shopping sprees, funded by a \$2,500 grant received from Wal-Mart, was the idea of the store's manager, Greg Allen. While working at another Wal-Mart, Allen participated in the event in that community and wanted to duplicate the effort in Fort Pierce.

Through the generosity of Wal-Mart, the amount of the grant was increased this year which allows the department to select more children to participate in "Shop With A Cop."

Police officers, local residents and a school representative submitted names of children who would not otherwise receive gifts for Christmas. Each child will be given a \$75.00 gift card and will work their way around the store escorted by a police officer.

The children will be treated to a continental breakfast with Santa Claus and their police escorts and then the shopping begins. The layaway department will handle the children's purchases.

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