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Christmas toys and cheer delivered by community volunteers and LPPD members



La Porte Volunteers w Santa



Donation collection point



**(L to R) Ofc. Anthony Bish,
LPCPAAA volunteer Richard Brower,
Chief Kenith Adcox, and Lt. Matt Daemer**



**Employees of La Porte's Noltex Plant
donating toys to the Blue Santa Program**

Christmas is a time for giving, and serving others in ways which meet their particular needs. While most people are busy engaging in the hustle and bustle of Christmas holiday shopping, the participants of the La Porte Police Department's Blue Santa Program take a different approach by starting early and engaging in various fundraising activities within the six-month period preceding the Christmas season.

The 2016 Blue Santa Program represented a collaborative effort between the La Porte Police Department, their Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA), First Baptist Church of La Porte, and other private individuals. The Program's primary mission is to provide toys for needy children in the La Porte area, as many families would not have the means to hold traditional Christmas festivities on their own.



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As a result of this year's Blue Santa program, the joint La Porte organizations collected over 2,500 new toys, and also delivered several bicycles and safety helmets, provided through the Harris County Elves & More Program. Among the collections, and vast amount of supporters, were substantial toy donations by the Amico and Noltex corporations. Such efforts translated into over 800 registered families receiving gifts for local children. In addition, cash donations, provided by the La Porte Rotary Club and other private donors, were collected by the LPCPAAA, and used to purchase additional toys, all of which were distributed to children in need. All in all, the program's annual efforts touch the lives of countless families every year, allowing hundreds of children to experience the joy of Christmas.

La Porte Police Department stresses that it is through local teamwork, such as the Blue Santa and Elves and More Programs, that all La Porte residents can make a difference in the lives of those who find themselves in a less fortunate state. For more information on any of La Porte Police Department's community outreach initiatives, including the LPCPAAA, Blue Santa, and Elves & More Programs, please contact the Support Services Division at 281-842-3124.