

Massachusetts State Police: “Please help us help families in need in this season of giving!”

For the 36th straight year, the Massachusetts State Police are proud to assist the United States Marine Corps Reserve with the annual Toys for Tots holiday drive.

Donors may drop off new, unwrapped, non-violent toys for boys or girls, ages infant to 14, at any State Police Barracks across Massachusetts or at State Police General Headquarters between now and Friday, December 11. As always, donors also have the option of making a monetary donation by credit card or through the mail directly to the Toys for Tots program. New this year, donors also have the option through the Toys for Tots website of shopping for a toy online and donating it through the organizations new Virtual Toy Box. For more information about making a monetary donation or donating a toy through the Virtual Toy Box, please visit the Toys for Tots site at <https://www.toysfortots.org/donate/>. For those still wishing to donate locally, you can find locations of MSP Barracks [here: https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-state-police/locations?page=1](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-state-police/locations?page=1) . General Headquarters is located at 470 Worcester Rd. (Route 9 eastbound), Framingham.

Those needing assistance requesting toys, and who are not currently working with a nonprofit agency/organization or church, are encouraged to check with their local Toys For Tots county campaign. Every Toys For Tots county handles individual family requests differently. For information about how to request toys, please visit https://www.toysfortots.org/request_toys/apply-for-toys.aspx .

We thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful program. For many families, economic realities make the holidays difficult. Families in need have all they can do to ensure their children have enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a roof overhead. Holiday gifts for young ones might not fit into the budget, perhaps even more so this year, when many people's earnings have been impacted by the coronavirus. That is why we are proud to support the USMC Reserves once again in the mission to ensure that all children, regardless of their family's situation, have gifts this Christmas and holiday season.