



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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OPERATION “KEEPING KIDS WARM”

Bethlehem Police School Resource Officers and Student Groups at the four Bethlehem Area School District Middle Schools are sponsoring a coat drive for children who do not have proper winter clothing for the winter months. Donations of new or good condition coats, hats, scarves and gloves are appreciated. Children who need winter coats or winter wear will be identified by SRO Officers, Teachers and Staff.

Each year, a number of children arrive at school without a coat or not wearing proper winter clothing. There are several reasons why this occurs. The biggest reason is because they or their family cannot afford a winter coat or that they share a coat with a brother or sister. Many people do not believe this problem exists in today’s society. But it sadly does and School Resource Officers and School Officials see this throughout the fall and winter months.

These donated coats, hats, gloves or winter wear will be available to all children in the school district. This Program called “Keeping Kids Warm” will run through Saturday, December 12, 2015. On December 12th, students can come to the school to drop off or pick out winter wear.

Anyone or any business wishing to donate a coat or hat or gloves or any winter clothing item can do so by dropping the new or used clean coat or item off at one of four collection centers in the City. Items can be dropped off during school hours and on Saturday, December 12, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. The locations of these collection centers are as follows:

- 1-Northeast Middle School, 1170 Fernwood St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18017, Ph. # 610-868-8581.
- 2-Nitschman Middle School, 909 W. Union Blvd., Bethlehem, Pa. 18018, ph. # 610-866-5781.
- 3-East Hill Middle School, 2005 Chester Rd., Bethlehem, Pa. 18017, ph. #610-867-0541.

4-Broughal Middle School, 114 W. Morton St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18018, ph.# 610-866-0541

SRO Officers, students and parents will be there to accept the donations. Any questions about a donation or to schedule a donation, contact anyone of the City's School Resource Officers at the following Schools:

- 1-SRO Officer Sam Elias, Northeast Middle School.
- 2-SRO Officer Sean Conley, Nitschman Middle School.
- 3-SRO Officer James Zarzecki, East Hills Middle School.
- 4-SRO Officer William Rodriguez, Broughal Middle School.

On Monday December 14, all the coats and winter wear items donated will be distributed to needy students throughout the school district community.

Thank you in advance for your donation. A simple item like a proper winter coat can make the difference in the day of a child in the winter months.

On behalf of all the SRO Officers and the entire Bethlehem Police Department, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely;

Mark A. DiLuzio
Chief of Police