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### Kootenai County Sheriff's Department to receive **\$9,000** donation for **Holidays and Heroes** from local organization

On Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 4pm, Debbie Nickerson, a member of the Post Falls Encampment of the **Royal Neighbors of America** will be presenting Sheriff Rocky Watson and other area law enforcement representatives with a check for **\$9,000.00**. The local organization wishes to make the donation to the **Holidays and Heroes** program.

On December 14, 2008, area emergency responders will volunteer their time to take children in Spokane and Kootenai County shopping. The children get the opportunity to shop for gifts for their families as well as receive a large holiday food basket. The children also receive gifts for themselves. Children eligible for this program are nominated by local school resource officers, school counselors, police officers, fireman and other resource agencies.

Participating organizations include the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, Coeur d'Alene Police Department, Spokane County Sheriff's Office, Spokane Valley Police Department, Post Falls Police Department, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police, Kootenai County Fire and Rescue, Rathdrum Police Department, Spirit Lake Police Department and the Idaho State Police.

The Royal Neighbors of America gift is very appreciated during this particularly difficult economic time. The Holidays and Heroes program is limited by the amount of donations available and this particular donation will certainly provide for many more children and families than would have otherwise been possible.

Sheriff Rocky Watson  
By Lt. Kim Edmondson

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