



OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Press Release

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Toys for Tots Huge Success 10 Year Anniversary/Record number toys collected

(Oswego, IL) On December 20th the annual Toys for Tots breakfast was held at Station One. This year marked the 10th anniversary of working to collect toys for local families in need. Working side by side with all five School District 308 Jr. High Schools, the Oswegoland Optimist Club and the United States Marine Corps to collect and distribute toys to children within Kendall County. Fifteen lucky students from each school won the right to be an Elf for the day. The 75 elves along with their family and friends and school staff were met at each school by firefighters to pick up the toys. All the toys were then brought to the fire station where the elves worked diligently to separate the toys and prepare them for distribution. Off-duty firefighters prepared a large breakfast for everyone consisting of pancakes, eggs, sausage, Canadian bacon, toast, milk, OJ and even a few donuts. This year we fed approximately 350 folks at the event, where fun was had by all for a worthy cause.

The Oswego Fire Protection District appreciates the outpouring of support from the community. "Thank You" to Midas and Napa for the 30 Razor Scooters, also "Thank You" to Legacy SCS for the donation of toys and money. We would especially like to recognize our local Meijer store- the store donated \$5,000 to the program this year. This amazing donation was used to purchase many of the bicycles in this year's toy drive.

This year was a record setting year for both the toy collection and bikes. This year's event collected 8,182 toys and 111 bikes. All the toys and bicycles will be distributed by the Oswegoland Optimist Club; and they do a fantastic job of getting the toys to those in need within our community.

This program has grown by leaps and bounds, starting in 2008 with 295 toys collected. Since then, the program has taken on a life of its own and we are able to take care of hundreds of families in need. This couldn't be done without the partnerships we have formed with School District 308 Jr. High Schools and those in our community.

The Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum in March of 1936, covers over 60 square miles in the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 1.5 square miles of northwest unincorporated Will County.

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