



Ingleside Police Department Operation Blue Santa



INGLESIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNVEILS OPERATION BLUE SANTA

The Ingleside Police Department is asking residents and businesses to donate new **unwrapped** toys, books, board games, dolls, building sets, educational items, action figures, bicycles, tricycles, and gift cards(Sonic, Whataburger, Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, HEB, Amazon, etc.) for boys and girls of all ages during Ingleside's first ever Operation Blue Santa Toy Drive. We will also accept donations of new clothing, non-perishable food, new blankets, and other items that families may need.

No one calls 9-1-1 to tell the police that all is well with their lives. In the course of a police officer's routine work we often encounter children in circumstances and environments that are heartbreaking. Many of the children that our police interact with only know Christmas as nothing more than a school holiday. Many of these kids are in single parent homes or family environments that are unstable. Many families must choose between gifts and basic utility needs or food, leaving little resources for presents at Christmas time for their children. Regardless of why, all children deserve presents at Christmas. We believe Operation Blue Santa will be a wonderful way to reach out to children and families in our community.

Blue Santa's Elves will be placing donation stations at various businesses around the City of Ingleside. Donations can also be dropped off at the Ingleside Police Department at 2425 8th Street, Ingleside, TX.

If your business or organization would be interested in making a donation, or would like to serve as a toy drop location please contact Police Chief Tammy Burr by e-mailing bluesanta@inglesidetx.gov or call 361-776-2531. You can make a difference in a child's life today. Please add Ingleside Operation Blue Santa to your Christmas list and donate before Sunday, December 15, 2019.

FAMILIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE

If your family requires assistance from Ingleside's Operation Blue Santa to make your Christmas a happy one, please visit the Ingleside Police Department to complete an application as soon as possible. You may also download the application from our website www.inglesidetx.gov.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE MUST BE TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019.

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**Attached: Ingleside PD Blue Santa LOGO
Blue Santa Application
(English and Spanish)**