

# AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TEAM TOGETHER FOR ANNUAL "SHOP WITH A COP" EVENT



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Salem area criminal justice agencies and the non-profit Law Enforcement for Youth are proud to announce that we will be able to make the holidays a bit brighter for over 500 local children during this year's Law Enforcement for Youth Shop With A Cop Event.



The event will be held at the Walmart store, 5250 Commercial St SE from 9:15 am until 12:00 pm on Saturday, December 10. This program has been a tradition for over 20 years and is funded entirely by donations from our community.



Children who are at risk, medically challenged, and/or economically disadvantaged are nominated by various community entities to include the Salem and Marion County Housing Authorities, Department of Human Services, School District and community members. The children are then invited to join in on the event that teams them with criminal justice personnel at the Walmart store. The children are given a gift card and are accompanied by the criminal justice person as they shop for whatever they wish in the store. Santa Claus will also be present during the event.



This event continues to grow every year. It began with only sworn officers shopping with the children and has grown to include sworn officers, civilian employees and volunteers as well. Last year's event saw over 100 criminal justice personnel and volunteers and over 400 children participating in the program. This year we have secured funding to invite 500 children to shop.



This is a very popular and positive event for the children and criminal justice personnel alike. It is an excellent opportunity for the children in our community to have a fun interaction with law enforcement and to form positive relationships that will last for years to come. The public is invited to come and share in this experience as well. For more information or do donate to the event, please visit the Law Enforcement for Youth website at [www.lawenforcementforyouth.com](http://www.lawenforcementforyouth.com).

