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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Howard County Police Sponsor “Shop with a Cop” Program *Officers Volunteer Time to Help Kids Buy Holiday Gifts*

- What:** Howard County Police Department’s 5th Annual “Shop with a Cop”
- Who:** Sworn and civilian members of the Howard County Police Department
30 children from Howard County
- When:** Saturday, Dec. 21, 8:30–9:30 a.m.
- Where:** Toys-R-Us
6231 Columbia Crossing Drive
Columbia, Md.

They are sworn to serve and protect—and one day a year, to shop. Some of the Howard County Police Department’s finest will volunteer their personal time Saturday shopping for holiday gifts with local children. The fifth annual “Shop with a Cop” program takes place this weekend in Columbia and the officers are ready for the shopping spree.

“The Howard County Police Officers Association donates money each year to help ensure that these kids have a nice holiday,” said Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay. “Our police officers, recruits, auxiliary officers and civilians donate their time to help the children choose just the right gift.”

Each year, the police department asks schools to nominate children to receive special gifts from the police department during the holiday season. The children, who are often less fortunate or in need of mentors, have an opportunity to meet and spend time with police officers. Thirty children will participate in the Shop with a Cop event this year and each will receive the toy of their choice.

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