On Wednesday, December 15, 2016 at 1:30pm Santa Claus and Santa’s elves (in the form of area Law Enforcement, Fire, and Public Service agencies) will be delivering donated gifts and toys to The University of Vermont Children’s Hospital.

The University of Vermont Police Department, Vermont State Police, City of Burlington Fire Department, City of Burlington Police Department, Essex Fire Department, Morristown Police Department, Colchester Police Department, U.S. Marshal Service, and Burlington Electric Department are teaming up to form “Operation Fire Cuffs”. This will be a joint effort to collect toys for the children at the Vermont Children's Hospital located at University of Vermont Medical Center.

UVM Police is asking for your help as we collect donations of gifts and toys. This is the 6th year of this event and the 2nd time that UVM Police will participate. Given UVM’s recent “Affiliation” with the hospital, UVM Police would love to bring in the most gifts and toys of all the participating agencies. To do that we are depending on your generosity.

If you would like to give to this heart-felt project, UVM Police will be collecting donations and delivering them at the end of the collection drive. For further detail please contact:

- Sergeant Brandon King: bking@uvm.edu
- Or UVM Police Administrative line at 802-656-2027

Donated toys should be unwrapped. Any donated toys will be accepted. The hospital has identified some specific types of needed toys and gifts:

- Infants: Rattles and mobiles.
- Toddlers: Musical toys, pop-up toys, stand & walk toys, large blocks, stacking toys and trains.
- School Age: Legos, art kits (jewelry making, painting, etc.) and athletic gear (balls, clothes, etc.).
- Tweens: Nail polish, body lotion and journals.
- Gift cards: ITunes, Walmart, Kmart, Best Buy, Hannaford, Chili’s, etc...)

We ask that donations be dropped off by December 14, 2016 at UVM Police (284 East Ave, Burlington). When you drop off your donations we would love to take your picture and post it to our Facebook and other social media pages to recognize your generosity and demonstrate the spirit and charity of the UVM Community.

Thank you, in advance, for helping make this a special time for these children.