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## News Release

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### **Shop with a Cop and Fill the Bus**

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is pleased to partner with the Fatherhood Encouragement Project, Target and Meijer to help make the holiday season a little brighter for area families. Together, we are hosting Shop with a Cop and our annual Fill the Bus donation drive on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Dads from all walks of life will join members of the Sheriff's Office at the Machesney Park Target store at 9833 North Alpine Road to shop with children selected by the Harlem School District. Members of the Sheriff's Office will also shop with children at the Meijer store at 1770 West Lane Road in Machesney Park. Target and Meijer are providing gift cards to the selected children to shop for presents. The Ladies Auxiliary 392 also donated some of the gift cards this year.

We are asking residents to help us "Fill the Bus" on December 5<sup>th</sup>. A Harlem school bus will be parked in front of Target in Machesney Park between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and in front of Meijer in Machesney Park between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. We are in need of new unwrapped toys, food, clothing and paper products. The items collected will go to students and their families in the Harlem School District who are in need. You have to stop by and see what the Harlem School bus drivers have in store for you this year. Each year gets better and better.

This event will follow Winnebago County Health Department guidelines. The "Shop with a Cop" event will be conducted virtually at the Machesney Park Target Store. We will also be wearing masks and social distancing at the Machesney Park Meijer. Please help us end 2020 on a happy note and donate to a family in need this holiday season.

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