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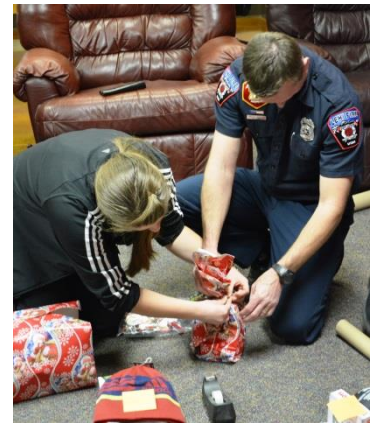
LEHI FIRE DEPARTMENT GIVES BACK

Sub for Santa Program Focuses on Lehi Families in Need

Lehi, Utah | December 18, 2014 – People often wonder what firefighters do when they aren't out on a call. This time of year, you can find them busily selecting, buying, and wrapping presents. These presents are not for each other, or even their own family members. These presents are for Lehi families who need a little extra help this time of year.

Battalion Chief Rick Howard is a proponent of the Lehi Fire Department's "Sub for Santa" Program. Howard said, "It's in the nature of the Fire Department to care about the community. This program provides a great opportunity for our firefighters to give back in another way."

"In our day-to-day jobs, we see a lot of people in need. This is a wonderful way for us to help people in a less stressful and positive way. It is a great thing for our crews and something they look forward to every year," added Captain Kim Beck.



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The program has been running for at least eight years. Each year the department selects three to four families who they personally know that need aid. The "Sub for Santa" program is not possible without the generous support of local businesses as well as individuals. Some of the sponsors include Broadbent's Store, Rock Canyon Pharmacy, Wal-Mart, Big 5, Target, and Best Buy. The Local Union 4862 also contributes, as well as the Lehi Fireman's Association, which is funded by the firefighters themselves.

Each family will receive their gifts in style when the Lehi Fire Department delivers them in their fire engines. "The best part about this is the excitement for the families. They truly appreciate it," said Captain Ernie Curwen.

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