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PRESS RELEASE

Hoboken Police announce the 3rd annual Sgt. Peter Zanin “Peachy” Toy Drive



Caption: Dozens of toys have already been donated to the “Peachy” Toy Drive.

Hoboken, NJ - The Hoboken Police Department announces that the Third Annual Sgt. Peter Zanin “Peachy” Toy Drive has begun for the 2023 holiday season. The event officially kicked off at the City’s Community Tree Lighting last night with dozens of residents donating toys to the collection drive which benefits hundreds of local children and teens.

The department’s annual toy drive was renamed for Sgt. Zanin three years ago, after “Peachy” as he was known, suddenly passed away in 2020. Zanin, a father of three and a 20-year HPD veteran, was known for being an integral part of many events and initiatives that give back to the community, including the annual Toys for Tots toy drive.

This year, HPD is teaming up with the Hoboken Fire Department and the Hoboken Office of Constituent Services social workers to collect toys which will be given out at various events later this holiday season, including the Hoboken Grace Church Christmas Exchange and the Hoboken Housing Authority Winter Wonderland Party.

Residents are encouraged to drop off unwrapped new toys, books, and other gifts for local families in need at the following locations and times:

- Hoboken Police Headquarters, 106 Hudson St., 24/7 through Dec. 13.
- Hoboken Fire Department, 1313 Washington St., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Dec.13.
- Hoboken City Hall, 94 Washington St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 13.
- Hudson County Tree Lighting, Columbus Park, 7 p.m. on Dec. 1.
- Artisan Market, under the 14th Street Viaduct, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10.
- 626 Washington St., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 11.

"I am proud of the team of officers who dedicate time to making the holiday season merrier for the children of Hoboken," **said Police Chief Steven Aguiar**. "We all know families struggling these days, and anything our department and the City can do to ease that struggle and bring smiles to young faces, will be done with joy."

"I am honored to be a part of this annual event that helps to kick off the holiday season in Hoboken," **said Captain Gino Jacobelli** who helped to organize the toy drive this year. "This is a tradition, and a partnership, that brings the community together to bring more joy to the children and their families."

For more information and updates on the Sgt. Peter Zanin "Peachy" Toy Drive please follow the Hoboken Police Department on Twitter at [@HobokenPD](https://twitter.com/HobokenPD). Hoboken families in need of toys or gifts for children of any age this holiday season can contact Capt. Jacobelli at jacobellig@hobokenpdnj.gov.