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2020 Paulding Cops For Kids, Inc. Goes Virtual

(Paulding County, GA) The year 2020 has been like no other we have ever experienced. We all have endured sickness, quarantines, changes, and had to make adjustments and sacrifices to the way we normally do things. At the Sheriff's Office, we have also had to make adjustments and changes. Unfortunately, after much consideration and heavy deliberation, we have made the difficult decision to make the 2020 Paulding Cops for Kids, Inc. Christmas shopping event virtual.

Many of you are probably wondering what this actually means. We have worked out a plan with Walmart to use the money that we normally spend on the children, to purchase gift cards for each child. Every child that is registered for the 2020 Paulding Cops for Kids, Inc. Christmas shopping event will receive a gift card that can be used at Walmart. Parents of the registered children will come to the Sheriff's Office on the specified dates and times to pick up their gift card. Beginning Tuesday December 8, 2020 our staff will call all of the participants and let them know when to come and pick up their gift card at the Sheriff's Office. The gift card will then be used by the parents to obtain gifts for the children.

Sheriff Gary Gulledge stated, "It breaks my heart that we are not able to host an in person Paulding Cops for Kids, Inc. Christmas shopping event this year. To me, it does not feel like Christmas at my house until we host Cops for Kids". Sheriff Gulledge went on to explain, "It was after much contemplation that we made the difficult decision to make this a virtual event because of COVID-19. We have to think about the children and everyone involved in order to try and keep them as healthy and safe as we can during these trying times. I hope things will begin to level out in 2021".



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Paulding Cops for Kids, Inc. is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to bridge the gap between less fortunate children and law enforcement officers of Paulding County by taking children shopping each Christmas. We take monetary donations all year long and use that money to help Paulding County children in need. If you would like to donate money to Paulding Cops for Kids, Inc. please feel free to mail us a check or donate electronically via PayPal.

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