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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SLMPD Teams with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Target Stores in 3rd annual Cops 4 Kids: Patrolling for Presents

The Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department with Big Brother Big Sisters (BBBS) and Target Department Stores present their 3rd annual event, Cops 4 Kids: Patrolling for Presents.

The event will take place on December 8th from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Target Department Store located at 4255 Hampton Avenue. A shopping spree for children, pizza party and visit from Saint Louis Cardinal Mascot Fred Bird will be among the highlights of the event.

More than 30 police officers will be teamed up with 16 Saint Louis City children who are "Littles" with the BBBS. The officers will act as mentors to the children as they shop for holiday gifts for their family and themselves. The children selected for this event based on greatest need during the upcoming holiday season.

Funds for the event will be provided by the Target Corporation.

The event will also serve as a recruitment event for BBBS in an effort to recruit police officers as permanent *Big Brothers* or *Big Sisters*.

There will be sound opportunities with Chief Daniel Isom and BBBS Eastern Missouri CEO and President, Becky James Hatter. The officers and children participating in the event will also be available for interviews. Please contact Organizer Officer Matthew Simpson to arrange interviews with Officers and children.

WHO: Metropolitan Police Department, Big Brothers Big Sisters,
Target Corporation
WHAT: Cops 4 Kids: Patrolling for Presents
WHEN: Saturday, December 8 at 9:30 a.m.
WHERE: Target Department Store
4255 Hampton Ave.

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