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MEDIA ADVISORY

DeKalb County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #10

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**WHAT: The 16th ANNUAL 'SANTA COP' SATURDAY --
HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPING WITH DEKALB COUNTY KIDS**
(Formerly "Shop with a Cop")

WHO: DEKALB COUNTY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #10

- ◆ More than 60 officers/deputies from DeKalb County's law enforcement agencies
- ◆ Approximately 60 children who have been selected by DeKalb County School System personnel
- ◆ **SPONSORS: Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Kroger, Chick-fil-A and others**

WHEN / WHERE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2007, BEGINNING AT 6:30 A.M.

- ◆ 6:30 A.M. – All officers/deputies meet at Tucker High School (on Chamblee-Tucker Road side parking lot). Tucker High School address: 5036 LaVista Rd., Tucker, GA 30084.
- ◆ Next, proceed to the Tucker Wal-Mart (4375 Lawrenceville Hwy., Tucker, GA 30084) with all emergency lights activated and sirens used with discretion.
- ◆ Officers/deputies meet with junior shoppers at Wal-Mart
- ◆ After shopping, proceed to the DeKalb County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge at 1238 Ridge Ave., Stone Mountain, GA 30083), again with emergency lights activated and using sirens with discretion for lunch, photographs with junior shoppers and raffles/prizes.

WHY: Santa Cop" is another way of giving back to the communities about which the officers/deputies care so much and do their best to protect. Each year the Fraternal Order of Police organization, supported by officers/deputies from DeKalb's law enforcement agencies, makes a concerted effort to create a happy and memorable holiday season for disadvantaged children. With sponsors including Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Kroger, Chick-fil-A, Jumpology!, and others, children can spend \$200.00 dollars each toward their favorite toys and gifts for themselves and their families.

"Very often, the officers have to remind the kids to buy something for themselves, because they tend to buy for their siblings and other family members first," says Stone Mountain Police Officer Bob Hollis."

The fun continues when they arrive at the lodge in Stone Mountain for lunch, some great prizes, and the excitement of Santa's presence.

**ON-SITE MEDIA CONTACT(s): Wal-Mart: Sgt. Leigh Vaugh (Emory PD) – (404) 606-8385
FOP Stone Mountain Lodge: Officer Bob Hollis (Stone Mountain PD) –
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