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**Sheriff's Office Hosts Holiday Celebration for Southern Marin Youth**

Marin City, CA - On December 18, 2009, the Marin County Sheriff's Office hosted a community holiday event for some of the youth in Southern Marin who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to see Santa. The children had the chance to visit with and take a picture with Santa. Each child got to select a toy and a stuffed animal to take home as well as a candy cane, coloring books and stickers. For this event, sworn staff and dispatchers from the Marin County Sheriff's Office worked in collaboration with staff from the Marin County District Attorney's Office, the Marin County Probation Department and the Marin County Human Resources Department.

Many of the gifts for the children were courtesy of the San Francisco Fire Department's Toys for Tots program. The District Attorney's Office also donated toys and the Marin County Deputy Sheriff's Association donated \$250.00 toward the event. In addition, Dave Williams from Custom Freight Systems and Mike McCollin from AT&T graciously donated a large number of Teddy Ruxpin storytelling bears to handout to the children.

The Sheriff's Office was hoping to bring the community together and to make this holiday season just a little bit brighter for some of the youth of Southern Marin. Close to 150 children, along with their parents and guardians, turned out for the event.