



Sunnyside Police Department

City of Sunnyside
401 Homer Street
Sunnyside, Washington 98944
Office: (509) 837-2120 Fax: (509) 837-5873
www.ci.sunnyside.wa.us

Sunnyside Police Department Press Release

Date: 12/16/2019
Contact: City of Sunnyside
Re: Shop With A Cop

In partnership with Walmart, the Sunnyside Police Department hosted Shop With A Cop last Saturday, December 14th, 8:00 a.m. at Walmart, 2675 E. Lincoln Ave., Sunnyside. The purpose of the event is to foster positive relationships between youth and officers. The event served Sunnyside and Mabton children ages seven through 18 who are low-income, at-risk and/or medically challenged. In coordination with the Sunnyside School District and Yakima Valley participating law enforcement agencies, School Resource Officers were provided nominations from their school's teachers and counselors. Walmart sponsored the event by providing breakfast, volunteers, gift cards and employee sponsored gifts for each child.

Law enforcement officers and personnel represented throughout Yakima County donated their time to share breakfast with a nominated child and were paired with police personnel, who escorted them around the store and assisted them in selecting gifts for their family. Each gift selected by a child was gift wrapped by volunteers as the children enjoyed a visit with Santa. Walmart surprised each child with a personally selected gift (sponsored by Sunnyside Walmart employees) at the end of their shopping trip.

Participating law enforcement agencies included: Granger Police Department; Mabton Police Department; Moxee Police Department; Toppenish Police Department; Washington State Department of Corrections; Washington State Patrol; and the Yakima County Sheriff's Office. Several volunteers with Walmart, Yakima Valley royalty, community members and area businesses also assisted with the event.

The Sunnyside Police Department welcomes the opportunity to work with our youth community, particularly underprivileged children, who may not have the same opportunities as others their age. Shop With A Cop is one of the ways we can reach out to these children and families in need.