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## City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Kicks off Toys for Tots Drive

TOY AND BOOK DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT ALL SDFD FACILITIES

SAN DIEGO – On Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, San Diego Fire-Rescue (SDFD) kicks off the 2018 Toys for Tots toy drive in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. SDFD has been a toy drop-off point for Toys for Tots for more than 15 years. All SDFD facilities (including lifeguard facilities) are collection sites beginning today through Dec. 15, 2018.

For 70 years Toys for Tots has provided happiness and hope to less fortunate children during the holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by marines and volunteers offer these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory that will last a lifetime. Each year, the Marine Corps fulfills the holiday hopes and dreams of an average of 7 million less fortunate children in nearly 800 communities nationwide. Since 1947, more than 244 million children have benefited from Toys for Tots.

"We are more than happy to lend support to the 2018 Toys for Tots drive," said Fire Chief Colin Stowell. "Our employees are always willing to step up and support a meaningful effort that benefits kids of all ages."

**WHAT:** SDFD and USMC Reserve Toys for Tots drive kick-off event

**WHO:** Ryan Da Rosa, SDFD firefighter

Firefighters, fire cadets, US marines

**WHEN:** Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, 6 – 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** SDFD Fire Station 5

3902 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.

San Diego, CA 92103

**VISUALS:** Interviews with firefighters, fire cadets, representatives from USMC Reserve and toys.

More information on Toys for Tots www.toysfortots.org

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