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VIDEO: Mayor Baraka, Public Safety Director Fragé Kick-Off Toys-for-Tots Giveaway

Santa and Mrs. Claus Attended Today's Press Conference

Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka and Public Safety Director Fritz G. Fragé kicked off this year's annual Toys-for-Tots giveaway for Newark children with Assistant Public Safety Director Raul Malave, Chief of Police Emanuel Miranda, Chief of Fire Rufus Jackson, and Santa Claus in attendance today, at an event held at the Fire Division's training facility on Orange Street.

Community Service Officers from each of the Newark Police Division's six precincts and members of the Newark Fire Division's Community Relations Unit invited families they interacted with this year to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and to collect toys.

Members of the Newark Police Clergy and Community Affairs Unit were joined by Community Service Officers in gathering toys from the Toys for Tots program of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Hundreds of toys were collected and decoratively assembled for the event, which also featured a DJ and family photos with Santa.

Members of the Newark Police Division and Fire Division command staff were in attendance, along with John Sharpe James, Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management; East Ward Council Member Michael Silva; Rev. Pablo Pizzaro, Newark Police Chaplain; and other Newark clergy members and friends.

Following the event, Newark Police and Firefighters delivered toys to children citywide. Some Newark parents will be pleasantly surprised to find that they are being pulled over by Police today, not to be ticketed, but to receive holiday toys for their children.

Mayor Baraka and Public Safety Director Fragé wish all a safe and Happy Holiday season.

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/79i5DVViN0o>