

# Operation Santa Boone Fact Sheet

- This is our 5<sup>th</sup> mission.
  - The first 2 missions were for clients of the Fair Lawn Community Food Pantry. The 3<sup>rd</sup> mission was in honor of the 10 year anniversary of the passing of Fair Lawn Police Officer Mary Ann Collura. Over 136 (her badge number) Random Acts of Kindness were done around town. Last year Santa welcomed a newly stationed military family (with 7 kids) to our community.
  - This year we are surprising Bernadette Vargas and her family. Bernadette was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer in July. Bernadette was let go from her job, leaving her with no health insurance or income to support her three kids.
    - A Go Fund Me Account has been set up “Bernadette's Battle Against Cancer”.
- Operation Santa Boone is named for Fair Lawn Police Detective, David Boone.
  - Detective Boone will be retiring from the FLPD on 12/31/15 (he has no plans to retire from his Santa duties though.).
  - He has been with the FLPD since 1994.
  - Detective Boone is also the Pastor at Van Riper Ellis Church in Fair Lawn. He will continue to serve as their Pastor.
- Operation Santa Boone is a joint effort of the Fair Lawn Human Services, Fair Lawn Police, PBA Local #67, Fair Lawn Heavy Rescue, Fair Lawn Fire, Fair Lawn Auxiliary Police, Borough employees, volunteers, members of the Fair Lawn High School Chorus and musical cast of Chaplin who serve as elves.
  - The missions are coordinated by Liz Maresca Twiggs of the Human Services Department.
  - Twiggs and Boone jointly decide on the recipient each year using a super-secret Christmas formula which is unable to be shared with the public. There is candy cane dust in it though. 😊
  - Gifts were purchased for the family anonymously by residents and businesses from in and around Fair Lawn.
- We will be surprising the family at their home where Santa and his elves will be delivering gifts for the family.
- He will then be inviting the family to join our convoy as we visit “Christmas on Vanore”, 38-53 Vanore Drive, Fair Lawn to watch the Desomma family’s synchronized light show.
  - Hot chocolate has been donated by Starbucks of Fair Lawn.
  - Cookies are being donated by the St. Anne’s Cheerleaders.

More information can be found at: [www.fairlawn.org/SantaBoone](http://www.fairlawn.org/SantaBoone)

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