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Division of Police to Spread Thanksgiving Cheer with Turkey Giveaway

Officers to handout frozen turkeys and holiday pies at six locations

This Thanksgiving season, the Columbus Division of Police is proud to announce its annual Turkey Giveaway, a community outreach initiative aimed at bringing joy to central Ohio families during the holidays. In the spirit of gratitude and unity, the Columbus Division of Police has partnered with Columbus Violence Reduction to handout frozen turkeys and Thanksgiving pies to area families in need.

"We recognize that the holidays can be a challenging time for some of those in our community, and we want to do our part to ensure that everyone has a warm and hearty Thanksgiving meal," said Columbus Division of Police Chief Elaine R. Bryant. "This event is not just about providing food; it's about coming together as a community to support one another and build positive relationships between our officers and the residents we serve every day of the year."

The event will take place on **Friday, November 17, 2023**, starting at 1 p.m. Columbus Division of Police officers, staff, and volunteers will be on hand to distribute Thanksgiving essentials at the following City of Columbus substations:

- Substation 5 1371 Cleveland Avenue
- Substation 11 & 12 950 East Main Street
- Substation 13 544 Woodrow Avenue
- Substation 14 & 20 2500 Park Crescent Drive
- Substation 18 1120 Morse Road
- Substation 19 2070 Sullivant Avenue

Residents are encouraged to come together, share in the spirit of Thanksgiving, and receive a complimentary frozen turkey along with a pie. Local businesses and organizations are supporting this event to ensure that as many families as possible can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, which includes: Columbus Police Foundation, Walmart, CME Federal Credit Union, Wholesale Automotive Supplies of Columbus, Inc., Byers Auto Group, Yenkin-Majestic Paint Corporation, and Tinnacity.

Frozen turkeys and pies will be given away on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. Limit one per family. Recipients must be present to receive. No prior signup is required.

