



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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Type of event: Blue Santa event.  
Date/Time: 12/22/2011 1800 hrs  
Location: Esplanade House, 181 E. Shasta

On 12/22/2011, the Chico Police Department and “Blue Santa” will be visiting the families at the Esplanade House. “Blue Santa” will be delivering gifts for approximately 104 children this year. In addition, a faith based community group which actively supports the Police Department has donated several winter coats for many of the parents at the Esplanade House.

The Esplanade House provides a safe environment while it works with homeless families to implement a goal oriented program designed to move homeless parents and their families toward self-sufficiency.

This is the Chico Police Department’s 5<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Santa event. The Police Department is proud to be able to bring some Christmas joy to the Esplanade House residents.

Blue Santa will be leaving the Chico Police Department in an antique Police car at 1745 hrs. He’ll be part of a caravan of Police and CHP vehicles and is due to arrive at the Esplanade House at 1800 hrs. The residents will be singing Christmas Carols and enjoying hot chocolate while they await Blue Santa’s arrival.



*\*\*\* For media inquiries, please contact Sgt. Rob Merrifield at 897-4941. Sgt. Merrifield will be available at the Esplanade House shortly before Blue Santa’s arrival to facilitate media needs. \*\*\**

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**Watch Commander:**

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**Date/Time:** 12/21/2011 1630 hrs