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## STOP, DROP, & SHOP WITH A FIREFIGHTER

IAFF Local 781 Good and Welfare Corporation

Independence, MO, December 1, 2017– On Saturday December 16, 2017, the Professional Firefighters of Independence IAFF Local 781 Good and Welfare Corporation working with the Independence Fire Department and the Independence School District will be sponsoring up to 40 elementary aged children for a holiday shopping event. Local 781 Good and Welfare have allocated \$4000 to give each of the 40 children \$100 to spend at the Walmart at 4000 S. Bolger Road, Independence, MO 64055. Event starts at 9:30 am and will run through 3:30 pm.

*“Our hope and intent is to allow the children to become familiar with members of the fire department while also giving them a chance to get something for themselves they may otherwise not have been able to afford.”*

Local 781 Good and Welfare have arranged for the Independence Fire Department Prevention Division to have fire prevention bags and the Independence Fire Department Mascot at the event to promote fire safety. Children will also be able to see fire apparatus and have the opportunity to talk with firefighters and chief officers.

Professional Firefighters of Independence IAFF Local 781 *“We Protect Harry S. Truman’s Hometown”*

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