

Stamford Police Association Plans Annual Student Backpack Giveaway

Up to 500 backpacks will be given to students 16 and younger; Here are the details on how to get one for your child.

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So that Stamford students have backpacks when they return to the classroom Aug. 31, the Stamford Police Association (SPA) is once again partnering with the Salvation Army to hosts its annual Back Pack Party.

The family event will be held from 11 a.m.to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22 at Stamford Police Headquarters, 805 Bedford St. The event includes a barbecue where volunteers from the SPA and The Salvation Army will serve complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and soda to children and their parents.

The SPA's organizer Stamford Police Officer Jerry Junes said, "All kids deserve to have the proper materials necessary to succeed in school, regardless of their family's financial situation."

Backpacks will be provided to students 16 and younger. One bag will be given to each child present, as long as supplies last.

"These children are the future of our great city" SPA President Todd Lobraico said. "Their success is of utmost importance and our police officers are proud of the proactive work role we are able to play with the community."

Since the annual event began, nearly 3,000 backpacks have been given to local Stamford youth, and this year the police union hopes to give away another 500 backpacks.

Every child to receive a backpack must complete an application and receive a ticket. Tickets are available at Stamford Police Headquarters located at 805 Bedford St. Tickets are also available at the Salvation Army, located at 198 Selleck St., Stamford.

For more information about signing-up your child, please contact Officer Junes at 203-817-4065.

Funding for the project has been provided by First County Bank. Entenmann's also provides pastries for the event.

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