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Press Release

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Sheriff's Office Participating in Statewide Donation Drive for Hurricane Sandy Victims

Columbia County, NY – Although it has been almost 3 weeks since Hurricane Sandy hit, the need for relief remains great. Many people still have no home, no heat, no food or basic necessities. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, Sheriff David Harrison, Jr., along with members of the Columbia County Corrections Officer's Benevolent Association and the Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's Association, are holding a donation drive to collect most needed items for the people of New York City, Long Island, and the surrounding New York counties that were severely impacted by the storm.

The donation drive is part of a statewide effort organized by the New York State Sheriffs' Association in cooperation with the Salvation Army. Sheriffs' offices around the state will collect donations of essential items during Thanksgiving week and the Sheriffs' Association will coordinate delivery of the supplies to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need.

"This week especially, as we and our families at the Sheriff's Office give thanks for our own well being, we feel it is also time to reach out to the people of our state who have been hit so hard by Hurricane Sandy," said Sheriff Harrison.

Donations will be accepted at Public Safety Building main lobby (85 Industrial Tract, Hudson, NY) 24 hours a day beginning on Monday, November 19 and ending on Monday November 26 with the items being turned over for transportation on Thursday November 27th. The sheriffs' offices are collecting the items listed below. For health reasons, donated items such as towels and blankets should be new. For logistical reasons, donations of used items, such as clothing and furniture, are not being collected at this time.

New, Inexpensive Towels	Cleaning Supplies
New, Inexpensive Blankets	Work Gloves
Flashlights	Batteries
Toiletries	Baby wipes/diapers
Non-Perishable Foods	Garbage bags
Cases of water	

The sheriff's office does not have the ability to accept monetary donations. To donate directly to the Salvation Army, please mail a donation to: The Salvation Army, 117 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566.

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