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City of Riverside Fire Department 28th Annual Santa's Ride-Along

RIVERSIDE – CA- The City of Riverside Fire Department is excited to announce the **28th Annual Santa's Ride-Along**. The program is a cooperative effort between the City of Riverside Fire Department and the Riverside City Firefighters Association Local 1067 (RCFA 1067).

The fire engine and **Santa will begin the evening at the designated park from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for meet-and-greet visits, photos, and candy cane distribution** before continuing along the planned route. The fire engine will then travel slowly through the surrounding neighborhoods with lights on and occasional siren bursts, stopping at select locations to hand out candy canes.

Santa's Ride-Along dates are December 9 -11 & 15-18, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. Two stations per night will be escorting Santa through their neighborhoods.

Fire Engines will remain in service throughout the event, and "Santa" will accompany Firefighters if an emergency call arises. If Santa is not present at the park, he is likely assisting with an emergency response. **Please note that there will be no make-up visits in the event of inclement weather or emergency activity.**

Assigned nights and units:

December 9th: Station 3 – Shamel Park; Station 11 – Orange Terrace Park

December 10th: Station 13 – Sycamore Highland Park; Station 12 – Rancho Loma Park

December 11th: Station 14 - Andulka Park; Station 5 – Nichols Park

December 15th: Station 4 – Patterson Park; Station 7 – Bryant Park

December 16th: Station 9 – Castlevue Park; Station 8 – La Sierra Park

December 17th: Station 6 – Reid Park; Station 2 – Hunt Park

December 18th: Station 1 – Bonominio Park; Station 10 – Villegas Park

The program distributes nearly 4,000 candy canes throughout the city.

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