

Creek Travel Plaza to present law enforcement with Teddy bears for children

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Creek Travel Plaza is organizing the Bear Hugs 4 Kids program to help alleviate fear and anxiety in children during such events as car accidents, domestic violence, house fires, etc.

For \$25, you can purchase two Teddy bears — one will go home with you to keep or give to a family member or friend, and the other bear will be donated to local first responders and law enforcement officers.

Poarch Creek Tribal Police Chief Larry Hammonds said, “As police officers, we respond to many different situations. Domestic violence is among the most dangerous of all for police officers. I often remember responding to car wrecks and having to tell family members that a love one has passed away. These are a daily occurrence for public safety officials.

“We often forget about how traumatic this can be for children,” he said. “Many times, kids witness the outcome of domestic violence in their homes. They are emotionally changed because of the event. As a police officer for many years, I see this as an opportunity for our public safety officials to connect with kids who are victims of these type situations, and just knowing someone cares may have a positive impact on their lives.”

The Travel Plaza will be presenting law enforcement officers with the bears and invite you to come out and participate and see for yourself the comfort you can be giving to local children in your community.

The event will be from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Creek Travel Plaza, 4740 Jack Springs Road, right off I-65 at exit 54. Officers from the Tribal Police Department of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians will be at the presentation to accept the bears. The Tribal Police Department operates under the Special Law Enforcement Commission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Call 251-368-0088 for more information or to purchase the bears and help a great cause.

About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns.

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