Spark of Love toy drive begins its 28th year

Local firefighters are getting fired up about taking part in the 2020 Spark of Love Toy Drive campaign to help provide toys for kids in need.

The Spark of Love Toy Drive originally began in 1993 as a partnership between KABC-7 and firefighters from the Counties of Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Ventura.

There are many other worthwhile toy drives, however, The Spark of Love is the only one created and operated by local firefighters. The Spark of Love 2020 marks the 28th anniversary and runs from Nov. 20 through Dec. 24, 2020.

Please help us stay safe by following safety recommendations, including remembering to wear your mask when dropping a donation. We ask that donations are placed inside a plastic bag before placed in the box.

Any new unwrapped toy must be in their original packaging or box. Sports equipment such as balls and tennis rackets are not required to have a box or package. We cannot distribute stuffed animals, clothing, personal care items or blankets, etc.

Toys to consider include board and card games, craft activities, art kits, building blocks, dolls, infant toys and youth sports equipment of all kinds. Toys should be in their original packaging or box.

For questions about toy drop-off requirements, toy collection sites and events, please reference the list of local fire agency representatives below, and visit your City’s website for additional information.

For additional information, please contact your fire department’s primary representative:

- Anaheim Fire & Rescue: 714-765-5092
- Brea Fire Dept: 714-738-6500
- Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue: 714-327-7400
- Fountain Valley Fire Dept: 714-593-4436
- Fullerton Fire Department: 714-738-6511
- Huntington Beach Fire Dept: 714-536- 5411
- Laguna Beach Fire Dept: 949-497-0700
- Newport Beach Fire Dept: 949-644-3110
- Orange City Fire Dept: 714-288-2500
- Orange County Fire Authority: 949-239-5987

Please note the Orange County Fire Authority serves the Cities of Aliso Viejo, Buena Park, Cypress, Dana Point, Garden Grove, Irvine, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Placentia, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, Yorba Linda, and the unincorporated areas of Orange County.