



Back, from left: Carol Schott, Sr. PSR II, Club Member; SLO Rick Driscoll; "Santa" John Phillips, Sr. PSR II, Club Member; Lorena Driscoll; Marissa Assaf, PSR, Club Member; Clayton Simmons, PSR, Club Member; and Liz Montgomery, PSR, Club Member. Front: Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR I; Victoria Driscoll; Eileen Driscoll; Mechelle Sherman, PSR, Club Member; and Gloria Martinez, PSR, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Ludwig, "Santa" and Captain Buck are pictured with SLO Rick Driscoll along with his twin daughters, Victoria and Eileen.

Holiday Adopt-a-Family

■ **Club Members in Police Dept. Communication Div. show their generosity with an "adopt-a-family" event.**

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
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POLICE DEPT. — On Dec. 21, the Police Dept.'s Communications Division demonstrated the meaning of generosity and giving through its inaugural adopt-a-family event.

It was the idea of Club Member and Senior Police Service Representative (PSR) II Carol Schott to create an organized program in which Communications Division personnel could donate cash and presents for a deserving family, to make their Christmas special.

The family of Devonshire area Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Rick Driscoll came to Carol's attention. Officer Driscoll was in a near-fatal traffic accident in June 2004. Since then, he has endured 21 surgeries and is expected to need more.

Officer Driscoll is married; his wife's name is Lorena. They are the parents of twin 10-year-old girls, Victoria and Eileen.

With the help of Senior PSR I Cathi Pearson and PSR Mechelle Sherman, a "giving tree" banner was created for each dispatch center. The banner had a tree on it, and removable "ornaments" each had a specific gift or donation amount on them.

Employees wishing to help the Driscoll family could take one or more "ornaments" and bring in that item or donation.

On Dec. 21, "Santa" (SR PSR II John Phillips) and several PSR "elves" visited the Driscolls and delivered the gifts. Gifts were brought not only for the twins, but for Rick and Lorena as well. The girls were presented with shoes, clothes, a 7-in-1 game table and many other toys. Rick and Lorena received gift baskets, music CDs, DVDs, a \$500 Costco gift card and more than \$1,000 in cash.

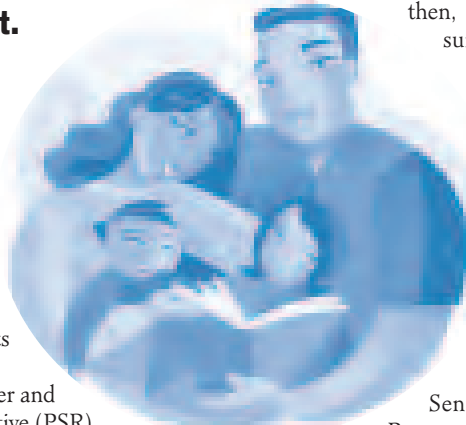
SR PSR II Schott also organized an event for Communications Division to honor their currently enlisted military employees: Rachel Placencia, Chris Wieser, Naomi Alexander and Riza Bailey. Each of these employees was given a large basket of goodies to let them know how much their dedication is appreciated.

Communications Division plans on making the "adopt-a-family" program an annual event.

The Club thanks PSR Carol Sotos for her assistance.



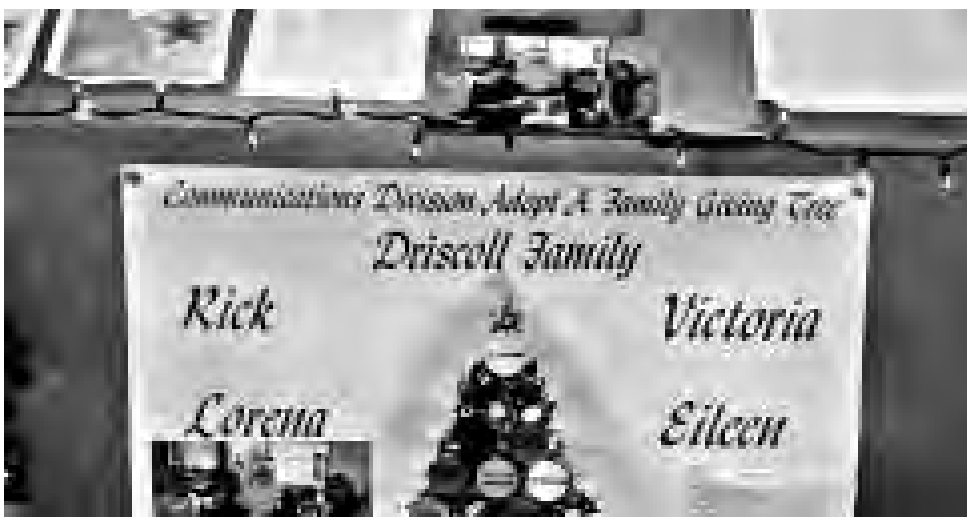
Sr. PSR II John Phillips, Club Member, dressed as Santa with Victoria and Eileen Driscoll, daughters of SLO Rick Driscoll.



Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR I, Club Member, doing some last minute gift wrapping.



From left: "Adopt-a-family" coordinators, PSR Marissa Assaf, Club Member; and Carol Schott, Sr. PSR II, Club Member.



The "giving tree," where employees were able to choose ornaments containing a gift request.



Lt. Stan Ludwig, Club Member, with Victoria and Eileen Driscoll.



From left: Devonshire's SLO Rick Driscoll; Lt. Stand Ludwig, Club Member; and Capt. Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer, Communications Division.

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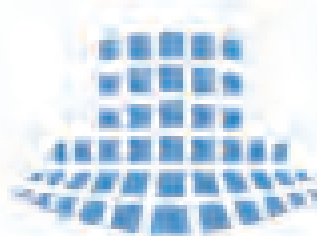
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