



**Name of Project:** Holiday Treats for First Responders

**Chapter Submitted:** Burnsville Chapter

**Programming Area:** Community Connections

**Type of Project:** Service

**Project Goal:** To provide holiday treats to first responders and police officers to thank them and show our appreciation for their commitment and service to our community.

**Planning Steps:**

1. Enlist two or three co-chairs for the project
2. Decide where the donations will be dropped off.
3. Pick the dates and times for drop-offs and deliveries.
4. Prepare a sign-up sheet for the November Chapter Meeting.
5. Call fire stations and police departments to ask how many people work at each facility and to ask if they will accept home-baked goods as well as store-bought.
6. Buy large sturdy bags to hold treats.

**Project Details:**

1. Have members drop off treats between certain hours on a Sunday evening so that those who work have time to bake on the weekend.
2. Co-chair(s) come to the drop-off home the next morning and help fill the bags with a variety of treats.
3. Write addresses and the number of personnel at each station, and put each bag so you know how many treats to put in.
4. If there are enough, put two to three treats per person in each bag.
5. Write a thank-you note to each station and staple it to the bag.
6. If there is really a large amount, go into neighboring communities.
7. The co-chairs deliver the bags.

**Ways to Promote:** Put an article in the November and December newsletter about the project.  
Have a sign-up sheet at the November Chapter Meeting for members who are interested in participating. People are more committed if they sign up.  
Send an email reminder to all members about five days before the drop-off date.

**Key Takeaways:** This project was very successful. Members were generous, and we had enough treat donations to fill nine bags. We delivered a bag to 7 fire stations and two bags to one police station. The first responders were surprised and delighted and were very appreciative of the treats.

It is important to call ahead to find out how many people are at each station so you can hand out two or three treats per person. Some stations had just eight, and some had twenty-eight.

