



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

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Stuffed animal drive

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation Ports of Entry Division has teamed up with the New Mexico State Police and New Mexico Taxation & Revenue to collect stuffed animals to benefit the children of New Mexico.

This program was started to collect bears for police departments when responding to domestic violence calls that involve children, it's a way to comfort the child in a negative situation. *"I have seen firsthand the benefit of a police officer handing a scared child a stuffed animal, I would like to be a part of putting a smile on a child's face at the scariest of times. Together we can make change."* states Teresa Valdez of NMDOT Ports & Entry Division.

Donation boxes are staged throughout New Mexico at our Port of Entry locations, New Mexico State Police locations and at New Mexico Taxation and Revenue locations. Donations accepted are any new small to medium stuffed animal and will be collected until Saturday, September 30, 2023.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is committed to the safety of the traveling public. For updated roadway conditions visit: New Mexico Department of Transportation at www.nmroads.com or call 511.

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**NEW STUFFED ANIMALS TO BENEFIT THE
CHILDREN OF NEW MEXICO**

**DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
9/1/2023-9/30/2023**



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