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**Operation Candy Cane returns for its 24th year**  
*Firefighters bring holiday cheer for the Dec. 6 drive-thru event*

WEST RICHLAND, Wash. – Benton County Fire District 4 invites the community to its 24th Annual Operation Candy Cane on Saturday, December 6, from 5–8 p.m. at Flat Top Park. This family-friendly, drive-thru event is a holiday tradition that brings together local families, firefighters, and community partners to support neighbors in need.

Visitors will enjoy lighted fire trucks, a visit with Sparky the Fire Dog, and free cocoa, cider, and popcorn provided by the West Richland Red Mountain Lions Club.

Throughout the evening, the Fire District will collect non-perishable, non-expired food donations and cash contributions to support Operation We Care Tri-Cities, a local nonprofit that assists families facing food insecurity during the holiday season.

Fire Chief Paul Carlyle said this event highlights the generosity of the West Richland community. “It’s a wonderful reminder of how connected and caring our residents are. Every donation helps local families and veterans have a brighter holiday season, and our firefighters look forward to being part of that every year.”

Benton County Fire District 4 extends its thanks to Yoke’s Fresh Market, Craig Bolling at LPL Financial, the West Richland Red Mountain Lions Club, and Operation We Care Tri-Cities for helping make Operation Candy Cane possible.

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*Benton County Fire District 4 provides fire and emergency medical service to approximately 25,000 people over 52 square miles. While the service area includes the city of West Richland and its immediate unincorporated areas, BCFD4 is a separate taxing district. BCFD4 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics respond to an average of 2,200 calls annually, over two-thirds of which are EMS-related. Visit [www.bcfld4.org](http://www.bcfld4.org).*