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**Firefighters to Collect Food on Dec. 7**  
*Operation Candy Cane Food Drive returns to Flat Top Park*

WEST RICHLAND, Wash. – Benton County Fire District 4 is hosting its 23rd annual food drive, called Operation Candy Cane, at Flat Top Park on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4-8 p.m.

Operation Candy Cane asks residents to bring non-perishable, in-date (unexpired) food items to donate to those in need. In return, donors will be greeted by merry firefighters, who will be passing out candy canes and holiday cheer.

In addition to Operation Candy Cane, community members may bring food donations to Fire Station 420 (located at 2604 Bombing Range Rd) daily, now through Dec. 15. Donated food will be distributed to local families in need by Operation We Care Tri-Cities.

Please contact 509-967-2945 or [kgaidos@bcfd4.org](mailto:kgaidos@bcfd4.org) with questions.

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*Benton County Fire District 4 (BCFD4) provides fire and emergency medical service (EMS) to approximately 20,000 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. In 2023, BCFD4 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics responded to an average of 2,200 calls, 67% of which were EMS-related. More information available at [www.bcf4.org](http://www.bcf4.org).*