

Kittery police organization aids Fair Tide resident

\$250 in donated gifts delivered to woman in need

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December 22, 2009 KITTERY, Maine — Sometimes, Santa's helpers come in blue uniforms.

One Fair Tide resident in town received a host of gifts courtesy of the Kittery Police Benevolent Association, a way for police to give to the community in the midst of the holiday season.

Fair Tide, which provides transitional housing and other services for those who were formerly homeless or living in temporary housing, has worked with the Kittery Police Benevolent Association in the past, including the sponsoring of two residents' dental work in 2009. KPBA President and Kittery officer Brian Cummer said, this holiday season, Fair Tide had requested help for only one resident, but the association was glad to help.

The female resident, whose name was not given, received bath towels, face cloths, gym clothes, a water bottle, gift cards and other presents, delivered to her by officers Jay Durgin and Zach Harmon. Cummer said it was about \$250 for all the gifts together.

"The resident was very modest in what she wanted," Cummer wrote in an e-mail to the Herald.

It's part of the charitable mission for the association; police and some of Kittery's dispatchers put in a dollar a week and hold occasional fund-raisers to benefit local organizations. Earlier this year, officers took part in a run on behalf of the Special Olympics and contributed money toward the August Kittery Fest of summer activities for residents across town.

For information about Fair Tide, visit www.fairtide.org.