



Red River Valley

F.O.P. Lodge #1



2021 Cops for Kids Event

The Red River Valley Fraternal Order of Police is proud to announce our “*Cops for Kids*” Back to School Event.

The program is designed to unite Fargo officers and public safety employees with local disadvantaged children for a special day of shopping. Each child is guaranteed new shoes, several outfits of clothing, and a backpack filled with school supplies. Children and families will be carefully selected and screened by a committee of local law enforcement officers to reach those most in need. Approximately \$200 will be spent on each child. Our goal is to sponsor as many children as possible through the support of donations from our citizens and businesses here in Fargo. Contributions directly benefit the “*Cops for Kids*” event program but can also be used at the Red River Valley Fraternal Order of Police’s discretion for other community programs as appropriate.

The Red River Valley Fraternal Order of Police believes this to be a worthwhile program, one that will benefit the children and families of Red River Valley. We know that as a society, we must do all we can to support the less fortunate, especially the children. This event is a wonderful opportunity for police officers and kids alike, allowing them to interact and break down the barriers that often exist, and building a better, more trusting relationship between children and law enforcement. Our goal is to not only financially help these children, but to let them know they have someone to turn to when faced with a potential crisis. This makes our community safer for everyone!



Due to the COVID-19 impact on our society, we are prioritizing our efforts to help those in our community, especially during these exceedingly difficult times. We are emphasizing caution to not potentially expose anyone to COVID-19 through the accidental transmission of the virus. But we are not giving up on our efforts to meet the needs of our incredibly special children.

We anticipate a significant funding decrease in the wake of this pandemic. To that end, we are working hard to make a successful event safe for everyone while still meeting the goals of this program. Please continue to join us and give what you can to help our children at this time of anxiety and stress; helping them continue their very important education. The Red River Valley Fraternal Order of Police strongly believes that we will make a difference in the lives of our children and families here in Fargo and the surrounding communities. We are grateful for your consideration and support to this event as we strive to help the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Bernier'.

Michael Bernier

Treasurer

Red River Valley Fraternal Order of Police