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Tommy Moose Joins MCPD

Michigan City, IN (February 19, 2004) - Michigan City police officers will soon have unique and cuddly partners in their squad cars who will help the officers soothe children in distress.

Two dozen Tommy Moose, soft and cuddly moose wearing red sweaters with "Tommy Moose" embroidered on the front, will be donated to the Michigan City Police Department at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20th, by the Moose Family Center #980.

Jim Pizarek, administrator at Moose #980, said, "The emotion of a young child can be changed from distraught and distress to calm and happy with the simple action of presenting the child with something they can cuddle. Tommy Moose has calmed more than 18,000 children nationwide through the Moose fraternity."

George Stavropoulos, Community Service chairman from Moose #980, will join Jim Pizarek and Benjamin Pizarek, Jim's 3-year-old grandson, at City Hall on Friday to present the moose to Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Michigan City Police Chief Gene Simmons.

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