

TROLL'S TEDDY BEAR DRIVE 2017

Troll's second annual Teddy Bear Run took place on December 2nd. Sponsors of this benefit include San Tan Ford, American Bike & Trike, Desert Wind H-D, and of course Troll's Biker World. Teddy bears are collected and donated to Mesa PD and its Mesa Family Advocacy Center Unit. This year, donations also go to Phoenix Children's Hospital ~ Mercy Gilbert, and to Mesa Fire & Medical.

These bears can play an important part in a child's life. First responders have them in their vehicles. During times of trauma, what might seem like such a simple item can be a calming influence in the midst of an ordeal... giving the little ones something to hold onto until their life can get back to normal.

The ride again started at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson in Mesa, with about 60 riders taking part. Stops were at Wahoo's Restaurant in Gold Can-

yon, River Bottom in Florence, Airport Tavern in Casa Grande, with last stop at Brick and Barley in Tempe.

Thanks to participants of the December 2 event plus additional stuffed animals collected afterwards, this year's Drive received 657 stuffed bears & other cuddlies to donate to the cause. Outstanding! That more than doubles last year's donation! Well done!

We've learned that there are people already taking advantage of after-holiday and pre-inventory sales opportunities to start stocking up on teddy bears for next year. Who knows how many the 3rd annual could collect? ☺ We are happy to be able to share this news & look forward to hearing about the 3rd annual Troll's Teddy Bear Drive. Congratulations on such a successful effort!

Betsy & Bruce

