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Corbett Fire District’s Famous “Christmas Chicken” Will Soon Fly to Spread Christmas Cheer All Year Long

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Only in Corbett, Oregon will you have a chicken delivering Christmas gifts. In the 1970s the department wanted to rent a Santa Claus outfit, however they discovered that all of the Santa costumes had been rented. Consequently Nev Scott, wife of the Fire Chief, rented a chicken costume. The chicken with its feathers worked great because a rotund Santa could not get airborne in the strong east wind. Originally, the firefighters used the “chicken” to deliver gifts to the children of firefighters. Today, the program has shifted to assist families that are in need at Christmas time. In recent years the Corbett Community has donated as much as $6,000 a year to the Christmas Chicken.

In the course of a year, the Corbett Fire District responds to almost 600 calls for emergencies, and firefighters often see families that are in need of extra help. Now the money donated at Christmas time will be put into a “community fund” that supports multiple Corbett families at Christmas time, as well as other community programs like the Sandy River lifejacket program. All of this is possible because of the generosity of the Corbett community.5

During the morning of Dec. 12th ( (7:00-8:00 AM) the Chicken, and it’s trusty side kick, Sparky the Fire Dog, along with firefighters, will be at the CAPS school in Springdale and the main campus in Corbett to spread holiday cheer and collect donations.

Donations can be made at Country Coffee (located at the Scenic Hwy. and Lucas Rd.) Donations can also be made at the Corbett Country Market and The Springdale Tavern. Checks can be mailed to Christmas Chicken, PO Box 1, Corbett, Oregon 97019. Or Venmo@ Corbettfirefightersassn.

The final flight of 2024 will be around Christmas time to deliver gifts to families in the Corbett area. However, since Corbett Fire District is the only Fire Department in Oregon that has a chicken on duty, the chicken will be ready 24/7. If there is a need in 2025, the Christmas Chicken will be in his cage at the Corbett Fire Station, ready to deliver year around “Christmas Cheer” if it is needed.

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