



# Maricopa County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5



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## COPS & KIDS EVENT

The Maricopa County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5 is proud to announce our 2026 "**Cops & Kids**" Back to School Event. This event will take place at the Walmart Supercenter on Bell Rd. Date and time to be announced.

The program is designed to unite Maricopa County deputies 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 backpacks 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 Maricopa County. Contributions directly benefit the "**Cops & Kids Event**" program but can also be used at the Maricopa County FOP, Lodge #5's discretion for FOP member support and other community programs as appropriate.

The Maricopa County FOP, Lodge #5 believes this to be a worthwhile program, one that will benefit the children and families of Maricopa County. 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 to interact and break down the barriers that often exist and build 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. The Maricopa County Fraternal Order of Police strongly believes that we will make a difference in the lives of our children and families here in Maricopa County and the surrounding communities. We are grateful for your consideration and support to this event as we strive to help the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

*Deana Carter*

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