

Cuddle Comfort: Waldorf Collector Donates Teddies to Children Involved in Crashes and Criminal Investigations

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Sheriff Davis with William Maki and the teddy bears - Submitted photo

A Waldorf resident recently donated a portion of his extensive teddy bear collection to the Charles County Sheriff's Office for officers to offer to children involved in crashes and criminal investigations.

William Maki donated 25 teddy bears, most of which were Ty brand, to Charles County Sheriff Frederick E. Davis on July 10. Maki has collected hundreds of bears over the years and began collecting the popular Ty bears in 1995. Several years ago he and his collection were featured in a national publication for teddy bear enthusiasts. He wanted to donate this portion of his collection to help local children involved in scary situations.

In addition to his interest in teddy bears, Maki is also a law enforcement veteran. He retired from the Greensboro, N.C., Police Department after seven years as a volunteer officer and later retired on disability as a special police officer in Washington, D.C. He was also a loss prevention manager for Kmart for 18 years.

"I am extremely grateful to Mr. Maki for offering part of his teddy bear collection to the Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Davis. "When officers respond to calls or conduct investigations, they sometimes meet children who are afraid and it makes a big difference when we can offer them the comfort of a teddy bear."

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