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**Media Alert: LAPD Watts Bears in need of volunteer summer tutors, learning materials**

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**Who:** The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Watts Bears is a charity organization that takes children from underprivileged neighborhoods and puts them into an afterschool program focusing on football and school work. The Bears must maintain a 3.0 average GPA in school, attend summer classes and show hard work and dedication on the field.

**What:** The Bears are in need of qualified, experienced volunteer tutors for their Watts Bears Summer Academy to teach lessons in English, science, math and history. All volunteers are required to undergo a background check by the LAPD. School supplies donations are also always needed, including: notebooks, folders, pencils, new or used text books, etc. The media is invited to a press conference and meet and Greet with the Watts Bears players (aged eight to 14) and coaches, to advertise our need for volunteers in their media outlets.

**When:** Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016  
5 p.m. – Press Conference  
5:45 – 7:30 Meet and Greet with players and coaches

**Where:** Locke High School Auditorium  
325 E. 111th St.  
Los Angeles, CA, 90061

**Why:** The Watts Bears believe that the best way to end violence is through education. By giving the Bears the best possible education, as well as giving them a safe and positive outlet for stress on the field, we believe that we can keep our kids out of gang violence and lead them to be their best selves. With the help of the media the Bears have hope of attracting the most qualified and experienced volunteers.

**How:** Please contact Madison Wood, contact below, for more information on the press conference, volunteering for the LAPD Watts Bears Summer Academy or to donate learning materials.

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**About the LAPD Watts Bears:**

The Watts Bears is a charity organization run by four LAPD officers with hopes of keeping kids in the classroom and on the field, instead of on the streets. Bears players must maintain hard work on the field, and a certain standard in school. For more information visit [www.wattsbears.com](http://www.wattsbears.com).