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**CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE TO USE STUFFED ANIMALS TO COMFORT CHILDREN  
New Project Courtesy of Rockville Moose Lodge 1574 and Rockville Bank**

**ROCKVILLE, CONN., April 17, 2008** – A new statewide Connecticut community service project provides stuffed animals to comfort children during serious emergency situations. The Rockville Moose Lodge 1574 and Rockville Bank have joined forces to kick off the first statewide “Tommy Moose” Program with the Connecticut State Police.

The purpose of the Rockville Moose Lodge and the International Moose Lodge’s “Tommy Moose” program is to provide comfort for children in distress by giving them a stuffed animal; specifically, a brown moose with a red sweater with Tommy Moose embroidered on the front.

Connecticut State Police officers and emergency personnel will offer the Tommy Moose to children waiting in their emergency vehicles, and children can keep the stuff animals after the situation. Rockville Bank provided the funding to establish this new Tommy Moose program. The first shipment of 100 Tommy Moose cuddly stuffed animals has been presented to the Connecticut State Police, and another 100 will be donated to them soon.

This is the first time that the Connecticut State Police is working with any Moose Lodge on the "Tommy Moose" program. The Tommy Moose Program was born in the East Hartford Moose Lodge and is now nation-wide. The Rockville Moose Lodge 1574 also is working to give stuffed animals to local children services, local law enforcement and ambulance personnel.

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