

## News Release

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### **Paul Davis Restoration helps to restore toys at Toys for Tots building next to fire**

Lynnwood, WA – July 13, 2011 - Greg Thode, Paul Davis Restoration of Seattle office owner, has donated his resources of staff, time, labor and equipment to restore toys damaged at the warehouse that stores donations for Toys for Tots in Tacoma, WA. On July 7, approximately 25,000 toys in holding for the Toys for Tots Foundation were stored in a building next to where a fire occurred at an old brewery building. Currently, Thode and his volunteers are working to salvage and clean the toys with the company's Esporta Wash System, a technologically advanced contents cleaning method which is located at the Paul Davis office, 15004 35th Avenue West in Lynnwood.

Recently, Thode expanded the company's contents facility by adding the Esporta Wash System which is able to restore an average of 85 percent of items previously deemed non-restorable. Some of these items may be damaged by smoke, fire, sewer and mold and would typically be irreparable and thrown out.

"We are very excited to be able to utilize our equipment and help the local Toys for Tots organization. We specialize in smoke and water damage restoration and we plan to save the majority of the toys," said Thode.

The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation has a mission to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. "As part of our annual community service program, Restoring America, our Paul Davis office is making a donation to help Toys for Tots during these difficult times and will continue to support the worthy non-profit in our community," said Thode.

Specifically, the Paul Davis office packed 40 large containers of stuffed animals and soft toys on Friday, July 8, at the Toys for Tots warehouse. The fire next door caused mostly water damage as a result of necessary fire fighting measures.

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“This has truly been a combined effort of several companies that have donated time and resources,” added Thode. “Phineas Lea, an estimator for Paul Davis who first heard about the fire coordinated the staff help and activities with one of our vendors, Air Van Moving Company. The moving company donated a truck and pack-out labor to remove the items and transport them to our warehouse where the Esporta machine is located,” he said.

Additionally, Stephanie Wick, the company’s Esporta manager, was onsite at the loss along with Detective Ed Troyer with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and George Hight, coordinator of Toys for Tots. They identified which items would be restorable. Paul Davis’ soft contents department will clean and process the stuffed animals to be distributed to children through Toys for Tots. According to Thode, the items would have been considered a total loss by the insurance company and thrown away. However, now the items can be restored to pre-loss condition for the children. The manufacturer of Esporta Wash Systems which is headquartered in Canada will donate the cleaning solutions to be used during the cleaning and restoration process.

"Once a Marine, always a Marine," said Thode, who served in the U.S. Marines. Thode spent many years at Toys for Tots collection sites during his reserve service and is honored to help the organization during its time of need. “Coordinating the different partners within the restoration business was a natural option for us to help return the damaged toys back to the non-profit which has done so much for the community throughout the years,” said Thode. For more information, call 888-424-9500 or email [GThode@pdr-usa.net](mailto:GThode@pdr-usa.net).

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