Darth Vader, Spiderman and other superheroes teamed up with Santa Clause to get kids into the christmas spirit. Tv-20's Landon Harrar shows us why they joined forces and who their heroics were meant for.
Landon Harrar reports from the batmobile, "Kids from all around Gainesville came out to phalanx defense systems where they got to meet superheroes and even see a full bat mobile and of course every kids left with some toys so they can play with something on christmas."
The idea is to get kids excited about real life heroes while meeting their favorite story characters. Ceeo of Phalanx Defense Systems and event organizer James Coats said "Ultimately we at Phalanx we see first responders as real heroes and the way we kind of bring that together is we have a private collection of superhero costumes used in movies, bat mobiles etc and what we do is let kids see real heroes and learn about comic book heroes, we mix them up and show how we make real life superhero equipment right here at Phalanx."
Every superhero got a cheer, But one superheroes was much louder than the rest. Coats said "Ultimately wonder woman got the biggest entry applause."
Jesse Chappel brought his younger brother and sister to the show and said "Spiderman really hits home with zane but when wonder woman walked out, tawny I could see it in her face she got super excited so she felt included as well in there."
Wonder Woman, played by Sunshine Andrei happily said"It was so exciting, my heart was racing like nerves and pride and joy all at the same time."
Every kid who came left with multiple presents, but there were still plenty more left unclaimed, for now. Coats explained "We're working with Partnership for Strong Families as well as the Alachua County Sheriff Department and Gainesville Police Department on finding some homes for these things so kids can get something for christmas."
For many it was the perfect way to celebrate Christmas Eve, with presents and good cheer. Chappel said "I'm freshly up here to Gainesville and I really love how everyone in the community is brought together with all these events so this is a really good start to our christmas eve, they got to see Santa Clause."
May the force, of christmas be with you.

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