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Astoria firefighters and volunteers follow behind a fire engine blasting Christmas music and carrying Santa Claus and Bob the Elf as they make their way down Nimitz Drive in the Emerald Heights neighborhood on Wednesday.

FOOD PARADE CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS, GIVING SPIRIT

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The Astoria Fire Department took to the rainy streets on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights this week during its 31st annual Christmas Food Parade through the neighborhoods of Astoria. Marching behind a fire engine carrying Santa Claus and Bob the Elf, firefighters and volunteers collected food items and passed out candy to the neighborhood residents. The donated food will be given to less fortunate families in the Astoria area.



LEFT: An Astoria fire engine shines its lights down the street, lighting the way for the firefighters and volunteers to collect canned goods and alerting the residents of their arrival. RIGHT: A truck carries food items donated by residents of the Emerald Heights neighborhood.



ABOVE LEFT: Firefighter Zach Plant hands out candy canes to the children who came out to donate food and sneak a peek of Santa Claus as he rode by. ABOVE RIGHT: Firefighter Conner Myers gives candy canes to Kaliyah Woodward, left, and Mizie Kerbrat. BOTTOM: Firefighters head to the doorsteps of a duplex to give candies to children and collect canned goods.

