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News Release

ACPD to launch new 'Stuff the Cruiser' food collection initiative

Officers to be at Dillons, Walmart in December to collect nonperishable food

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 1, 2020) — The Arkansas City Police Department is planning to help families struggling this holiday season by collecting nonperishable food items at local businesses.

ACPD's "Stuff the Cruiser" event is an initiative to provide the local Manna Ministries with extra food for distribution this holiday season.

This month, until Christmas, Arkansas City Police Department personnel will be at Dillons, located at 425 N. Summit St., and Walmart, located at 2701 N. Summit St., with a patrol car to collect such food items as canned foods, peanut butter, dry beans, canned soup, honey and oatmeal, just to name a few.

"There is no set schedule of when the cruiser will be at these locations, but as time and staffing permits, we will be there," ACPD Capt. Eric Burr said about the new program.

"This has been a very difficult year in more ways than one for everyone. We identified this as a safe, healthy way to contribute and to afford our citizens an opportunity to donate if they choose. We truly enjoy being out in the community, building positive relationships. It is a win on many different fronts."

Burr encourages everyone to watch the department's <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>Twitter feed</u> for information on when officers will be collecting items at the two retail locations.

For more information about "Stuff the Cruiser," please call (620) 441-6601 or (620) 441-4447.

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