Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office Creates Employee Pantry to Help Fellow Employees During COVID-19 Pandemic

Phoenix, AZ – The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office is coming together to help fellow employees who may be having a hard time finding critical items at the local stores. Last week, Sheriff Penzone created an “Employee Pantry” where each employee can donate items that fellow employees need. The MCSO Community Outreach Division is taking the lead on this initiative and working closely with Patrol District and Detention Liaisons to collect and distribute key items throughout the Office. The most requested items include diapers, wipes, baby formula, soap, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, bleach, rice, dry pasta and beans.

The Office is also utilizing outside resources and community partnerships to provide needed items. The support from the community has been overwhelming and these essential items are being delivered to our employees currently.

“The health and safety of our staff is my number one priority, said Sheriff Penzone. “Unlike a majority of the community, first responders and detention staff cannot stay home. We must continue safeguarding our communities, and we need to make sure our employees and their families are provided their essential daily resources,” Sheriff Penzone continued. “We must rise to the challenge and band together to overcome this, and I firmly believe our ability to overcome will be dependent on our commitment to our co-workers and our local communities. I want to express sincere gratitude to those organizations and community members that have stepped up to the plate in this time of need.”

Any items that are not used once the COVID-19 pandemic is over, will be donated to local non-profit organizations on behalf of the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office employees.