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**Local first responders going on a “Donut Strike” to feed our neighbors in need**

PENSACOLA, Fla. (June 18, 2018) -- The Pensacola Police Department (PPD), Escambia County Sheriff’s Office (ECSO), Pensacola Fire Department (PFD), and Escambia County Fire Rescue (ECFR) are going on strike against their beloved donuts Wednesday, June 20 through Friday, June 22 to support Manna. During the Donut Strike, first responders have vowed not to devour a single donut until 30,000 pounds of food has been donated to fight hunger in the local area. Members of PPD, ECSO, PFD and ECFR will be at grocery locations throughout Escambia County accepting donations from the public during the Strike.

Pensacola Fire Department and Escambia County Fire Rescue are new to the food drive this year. The PPD and ECSO held the first Donut Strike in 2017 with overwhelming success, donating more than 25,000 pounds of food to Manna.

Each day of the Strike, members of PPD, ECSO, PFD and ECFR will be at grocery locations in Escambia County from 3-6 p.m. to collect donations from the public. To view the grocery locations for each day of the Strike, please visit [www.mannahelps.org](http://www.mannahelps.org). Members of the public may also support the first responders by dropping off food donations to Manna, 3030 North E Street, Pensacola, any day during the Strike, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“One in four children go to bed hungry in our community. The support of our local first responders is critical during the summer months, when children are out of school and the need for assistance increases,” said Manna Executive Director DeDe Flounlacker. “They are truly our heroes!”

Once the goal has been reached, our local first responders will return to shamelessly devouring the glazed goodness that all first responders know and love.

Manna is a local, grassroots non-profit dedicated to fighting hunger in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Their mission is to offer emergency food assistance, service the food-related needs of vulnerable populations, and engage the entire community in the fight against hunger.

To learn more about Manna, the Donut Strike or make a donation, visit the Manna Facebook page or [www.mannahelps.org](http://www.mannahelps.org).

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