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Local first responders collect more than 34,000 pounds of food for Manna

PENSACOLA, Fla. (July 5, 2018) -- The Pensacola Police Department (PPD), Escambia County Sheriff's Office (ECSO), Pensacola Fire Department (PFD), and Escambia County Fire Rescue (ECFR) raised the equivalent of 34,707 pounds of food during Donut Strike 2018, providing 26,030 meals to neighbors in need through the services of Manna. Financial contributions were made by Pen Air Federal Credit Union, Studer Group, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Pensacola Police Department, and Pensacola Professional Firefighters Local 707.

Local first responders went on strike against their beloved donuts Wednesday, June 20 through Friday, June 22 to support Manna. During the Donut Strike, first responders vowed not to devour a single donut until 30,000 pounds of food was donated to fight hunger in the local area. Each day of the strike, members of PPD, ECSO, PFD and ECFR were at grocery locations asking patrons for donations to Manna. Individuals also dropped donations off at Manna the week of the strike.

"Thank you, Pensacola, for letting us put a light-hearted spirit on a very serious issue and helping us take care of all of our neighbors," said Chief Ginny Cranor, Pensacola Fire Department.

In a post-strike event held at Maynard's Donut Company, Manna Executive Director DeDe Flounlacker announced the Donut Strike poundage and thanked several community partners involved in the event including Red Iron Design, First City Church, Maynard's Donut Company, Pensacola Professional Firefighters Local 707, Studer Group, Calliope Films, Pen Air Federal Credit Union, Gulf Winds Federal Credit Union, Pensacola Egg Fest, Apple Market, Publix, Winn Dixie, Sam's Club, and Greer's.

Thank you, Pensacola, for rallying and supporting the efforts of our local first responders.

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