

April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017



The Police Departments, Sheriff's Office and New Jersey State Police Troopers of Sussex County are teaming up to conduct the first annual Sussex County wide **Cram the Cruiser** food drive to collect food donations for Sussex County residents in need of assistance. We are asking for the public's help in making donations of all food items to **Cram the Cruisers**. All donations will be provided to Sussex County's Social Services food pantry which provides food to residents in need within Sussex County and weekend meals for children involved in school free lunch programs. The Social Services Food Pantry is part of the Sussex County Division of Social Services (County Welfare Office). The Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers and its mission is "To Feed People" living in Sussex County (food collected does not go out of the county). The Pantry feeds people that come into the Social Services Office for food and sends food to other county food pantries when they are in need. The Pantry also feeds weekend meals to almost 500 children each week.

**Food needed for the children's weekend meals:**

Chicken noodle soup, canned tuna or chicken (5 oz), mac and cheese, chewy granola bars, oatmeal packets, fruit snacks, ramen noodles, meals in a can like spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni, beef stew or chili.

**Food needed for the food pantry:**

Mac and Cheese, tuna or chicken in a can, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, soups, pasta and pasta sauce, meals in a can, rice, instant potatoes, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, baby food & formula, diapers, personal hygiene products. In addition to the items listed any other food, cash or gift card donations will be accepted. Fresh and frozen turkeys and hams can also be donated.

Donations will be accepted at all Police Departments in Sussex County and the NJ State Police Barracks lobbies in the county 24 hours a day starting on April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> and at the Sussex County Sheriff's Office from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Donations can also be dropped off at the Mohawk House Restaurant located a 3 Sparta Junction in Sparta, NJ from noon until 10PM every day.

Officers from every department will be volunteering their time to assist in the collection of donations of food items and will be at the following locations with cruisers to be crammed:

**Byram** – Lakeland Bank April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 6PM, April 11<sup>th</sup> 5PM – 9PM, April 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 6PM

**Franklin** – Weis and Wal-Mart parking lots April 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 6PM

**Newton** – Weis parking lot April 8<sup>th</sup> & April 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 6 PM

**Sparta** – Stop And Shop parking lot April 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 6PM

**Montague** – Chase Bank Lot TriState Mall Rt. 23 April 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 6PM