



Community Engagement Brief

Engagement Overview

<p>Description</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">United We Rise – COVID-19 Response Day</p> <p>The State Police Association of Massachusetts is partnering with other community groups and organizations in Boston to commemorate Black History Month through a day of community service. MA State Police organizations One Blue and the Massachusetts Minority State Police Officers Association, Inc are also collaborating with SPAM to support this engagement.</p> <p>The spread of COVID-19 remains a concern in vulnerable communities until a critical mass of the population in these areas can receive the vaccination. The response day will focus on distributing masks, sanitizer, and food boxes to older adults and families living in affordable housing provided by UHM Properties and neighborhood members who receive services at the Neighborhood Network Center, Inc. The goal is to serve 350 older adults and families.</p> <p>Since May 2020, SPAM has actively responded to the needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization has addressed food insecurity, the social isolation of older adults and partnered with the MA State Police to develop an online family workout program to support youth learning remotely. Through these combined efforts, SPAM has been able to engage over 50,000 residents of the Commonwealth.</p>
<p>Date/Time</p>	<p>Saturday, February 27, 2021 Setup: 10:00 AM – 12:45 PM Event: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>Main Site: Neighborhood Network Center, Inc 434 Warren Street Dorchester, MA 02121</p>
<p>Contact</p>	<p>Cathy Draine, SPAM Director of Community Engagement/PAC Cell: 857.424.8419 or 617.990.2791/cdraine@msptrooper.org</p>

Logistics

<p>Recruitment</p>	<p>Detective Lieutenants Lisa Butner and Mario Millet have successfully recruited 35 Troopers to assist with set up, distribution, and delivery. The Troopers will participate in shifts depending on their work schedule and the distance they traveled to participate in this event.</p>
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Set-Up	<p>10:00 AM There will be approximately 350 bags of personal protective equipment to be put into Ziploc bags. These bags will include KN95 masks, hand sanitizer, and information about how to register for the COVID-19 vaccination.</p> <p>11:30 AM Katsiroubas Produce will deliver 700 food boxes. Each family will receive two boxes containing fruits, vegetables, and meat. The boxes will need to be stacked together for easy onsite distribution and loaded into vehicles. A complete COVID care package is the food boxes and the PPE bag.</p>
Event	<p>1:00 PM Doors open to distribute care packages to registered participants. Troopers will assist with loading cars. It has been approved for Troopers to make deliveries to older adults and families without transportation. NNC staff will provide a list for deliveries within the Grove Hall corridor.</p>
COVID-19 Protocols	<p>Masks are required. Gloves are available upon request. The air purifier will be in constant use. Everyone will be encouraged to wash their hands periodically. There is a separation between the pickup area and the volunteer assembly area.</p>
Food/Refreshments for Volunteers	<p>SPAM President Sargeant Michael Cherven will bring coffee and doughnuts for the 10:00 AM shift and order pizza for lunch. The Neighborhood Network Center will provide beverages.</p>
Partners List	<p>Boston Public Health Commission MassHousing (Community Services Department) MA State Police One Blue Massachusetts Minority State Police Officers Association, Inc Masking the Community UHM Properties</p>