

Erlanger Police Department

Monthly Report

February 2021

Monthly Summary



FARMERS TO FAMILIES
FOOD BOX PROGRAM

Hosted by:
CITY OF ERLANGER
FREE DRIVE-THRU
FOOD DISTRIBUTION
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2021
4 PM - 8PM

Lloyd High School Memorial Parking Lot
450 Bartlett Ave, Erlanger, Ky 41018

- Officers showed up in numbers to shovel the sidewalk for a disabled citizen that needed help getting to her doctor appointment. This received great positive press from the citizens and news media outlets. This is another example of our community policing initiative in action.
- On Saturday February 20, 2021 Erlanger Police responded to an officer involved shooting southbound Interstate 75. The incident involved the Villa Hills Police Department. Sergeant Rigsby and Officers Dettmer, Jansen, and Ryle all responded to assist with the scene. Our officers helped shut down the interstate, tape off and secure scene perimeter, as well as helped with scene integrity until the Kentucky State Police Shoot Team arrived to begin their investigation. From all accounts, the efforts by the Erlanger Police Department were excellent and very much appreciated. The increase in gun-related crime scenes that our officers have been met with over the past 14-months is unparalleled to previous years.

- Sunday February 21, 2021 Erlanger police officers again responded to a shooting on Lindenwood Drive. Sergeant Clark and Officers Dettmer, Jansen, and Ryle responded to the scene. It was determined through investigation that the victim suffered from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. This is a somber reminder for the amount of stress and critical scenes our officers are exposed to week in and week out. Officers Dettmer, Jansen, and Ryle did a tremendous job returning to work the night after dealing with a critical scene, being able to keep their composure about them on another gun-related death scene, and still providing the exemplary service the Erlanger Police Department is known for.
- Sergeant Thornberry is still in attendance at the National Forest Forensics Academy in Knoxville Tennessee. This is a 13 week nationally recognized forensics program that will help Erlanger Investigators to continue to handle all crime scenes independently with no outside assistance from other agencies.
- The Criminal Investigations Division responded to a death investigation that occurred in Erlanger. Detectives processed the scene and in consultation with the Kenton County Coroner's Office were able to determine the cause of death. The official results of the investigation are pending the coroners' final report.

Monthly Calls for Service

	January	February
Incident Type		
Citation	274	233
Arrest	49	41
Abandoned Vehicle-OTP	15	12
Accident-Hit Skip	7	7
Accident-No Injuries	78	84
Accident-w/Injuries	17	12
Alarm	37	52
Animal-Complaint	12	11
Assault	3	2

Assist-Fire	149	155
Assist-Other Agency	5	7
ATL	5	6
Burglary	6	4
Child Abuse	0	1
Child Found	2	1
Criminal Mischief	6	3
Custodial Interference	8	2
Dispute-Active	5	4
Dispute-Inactive	2	2
Domestic Trouble	41	46
Drug Activity	3	0
Drunk Driver/DUI	2	4
Emotional Crisis	14	14
Fight	2	2
Fireworks Complaint	0	1
Foot Patrol	1	0
Fraud	3	1
Gun-Subject w/	2	5
Harassment/Stalking	6	9
Indecent Exposure	2	0
Intoxicated Person	5	3
Kidnapping/False Imprisonment	0	0
Lockout Veh/Res	38	25
Loud Music/Noise Complaint	8	10

Loud/Disorderly Subjects	0	1
Missing Person/Runaway	4	6
Motorist Assist	63	131
Open Door/Window	2	2
Parking Complaint	20	39
Property-Lost/Found/Assist	8	4
Prowler	1	0
Public Contact/Complaint	101	104
Pursuit	0	0
Rape/Sexual Assault	1	0
Robbery	0	0
Shooting/Gunshot Wound	1	1
Shoplifting	6	3
Shots Fired	6	0
Special Area Check	133	123
Speeding/Reckless Vehicle	5	3
SRO/Detail/Home Visit	6	16
Stabbing	0	0
Suspicious Activity	1	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	82	49
Theft	7	15
Theft-From a Motor Vehicle	5	1
Theft-Motor Vehicle	3	1
Traffic Complaint/ Investigation	22	30
Traffic Stop	495	421

Trespass	2	0
Trouble	16	21
Trouble-Employee/Customer	7	5
Trouble-Juvenile	7	8
Trouble-Landlord/Tenant	3	3
Trouble-Neighbors	0	5
Trouble-Refusing to Leave	6	7
TX	148	109
Vacation/Business Check	209	277
Vehicle Fire	1	3
Warrant-Arrest	1	5
Warrant-Search	0	0
Weapon-Subject w/	2	3
Well Being Check	26	34
Wires Down	5	2
Total:	1994	2074

Year-To-Year Summary

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Incident Type	#	#	#	#
Assault	89	55	48	33
Assault w/injuries	168	101	27	15
Burglary	94	96	92	88
Domestic Trouble			604	633
Drug Activity	128	115	42	44

Emotional Crisis	175	115	234	265
Gun-Subject w/	16	22	16	25
Kidnapping/False Imprisonment	1	0	0	1
Missing Person	81	77	79	58
Rape/Sexual Assault	3	6	7	13
Robbery	12	8	11	5
Shooting/Gunshot Wound	23	3	4	5
Shots Fired	26	16	26	63
Stabbing	4	3	1	5
Theft	409	290	214	163
Theft From A Motor Vehicle	95	75	79	73
Theft of Motor Vehicle			57	50
Weapon- Subject w/	2	11	26	34
Total Calls of Service	24341	24189	26081	27509

Traffic Unit

The traffic unit continues to address the increased amount of semi trucks that are attempting to travel through the Cherry Tree subdivision. The traffic unit has issued multiple state citations for various traffic violations involving semi trucks inside neighborhoods. The traffic unit continues to show enforcement in areas not only that the police department determines to be needed, but listening to the citizens in regards to where they would like to see more enforcement such as on Sunset Avenue. The traffic unit values the citizens input and encourages all citizens to call with any traffic related issues they might see. They have been trained on the installation and set up of the speed signs so they can be maintained and functioning full time. Due to Covid, in-service class, and paternity leave, the amount of active time for the traffic unit this month has been very limited. Officer Koenes was not able to work the road this month due to in service and COVID.

Koenes		
Speeding		
Seat Belt		
Child Safety Seat		
Cell Phone		
DUI		
PCS		
Marijuana		
Paraphernalia		
Other Traffic Charges		
Arrests		
Traffic Complaints		
Parking Complaints		
Collision Reports		
Offense Reports		
Total		

Handlon		
Speeding		8
Seat Belt		2
Child Safety Seat		
Cell Phone		
DUI		
PCS		
Marijuana		1
Paraphernalia		1

Other Traffic Charges		25
Arrests		
Traffic Complaints		
Parking Complaints		7
Collision Reports		5
Offense Reports		1
Total		50

Canine Unit

Narrative: Both canine teams completed their minimum monthly training hours. The canine teams assisted the Independence Police Department and the Covington Police Department during the month of February. Inclimate weather and vacation/personal time limited the canine usage for the month of February.

<u>Clark/Bodo</u>	
Vehicle Sniff	4
Perimeter Security	0
Suspect Track	1
Arrest	1
Assist other Agency	2
Training Hours	20
Total Uses	5

<u>Hartke/Keno</u>	
Vehicle Sniff	4
Perimeter Security	0
Apprehension	0
Arrest	2
Assist other Agency	1
Training Hours	16
Total Uses	4

Notable Uses

Comments: On January 22, 2021 at 2052 hours the canine team Clark/Bodo responded to assist the Independence Police Department with the apprehension of fleeing suspects. The canine team had been monitoring radio traffic of a theft in progress, and subsequent foot pursuit involving the Independence Police Department. As more information came out over the radio, it was learned the suspect(s) had attempted to or made entry into a residence. The canine team Clark/Bodo are a

nationally certified dual purpose canine team through the North American Police Work Dog Association. More specifically, Bodo is trained to follow human odor from one point to another much like the scent trail left from a suspect running from the police. The canine team has certified annually for the past 3 years as a dual purpose canine team, with Bodo running numerous suspect tracks over that time frame. At our arrival, canine Bodo was deployed for a building search to start. Independence Police believed there may be one or more suspects still inside of the residence, and requested the assistance from canine Bodo to clear the residence. At least 3 verbal commands were given at an open front door for anyone inside to surrender. No hails back for surrender were received and Bodo was given his command to search the residence. Bodo cleared both the basement and main floor of the bi-level residence. No suspect(s) was located inside the residence. Bodo was then transitioned for a track of the fleeing suspects. At approximately 2123 hours, canine Bodo was deployed to track near the rear of the residence. Bodo cast in a circular motion while attempting to locate a scent trail. Once the scent trail was located, Bodo pulled hard and moved fast towards Savannah Court. Bodo crossed over Savannah Court towards Fredericksburg Court. During this section of the track Bodo continued to have his head down on the scent trail, pulling hard, and at a fast pace. Bodo crossed between two homes approaching Fredericksburg Court where he indicated to an article. The article was a face mask, typical of what you see people wearing during this current COVID-19 sickness. Bodo was given his command to keep tracking. Bodo continued down Fredericksburg towards the dead end. Bodo went past the dead end, through an open field towards a lake. Once at the lake, Bodo worked back towards Savannah Court from Fredericksburg Court following the edge of the lake. The scent trail was followed up through the woods to an area on Manassas Court. Bodo seemed to lose the scent trail in on Manassas Court straight across from the crime scene. Bodo did not locate any continuation of the scene trail he had followed. Sergeant Clark took Bodo back to the article of evidence he located to start the track a second time. Bodo again pulled down Fredericksburg Court toward the lake again. Bodo followed the same scent trail path nearly step for step as he did prior. The scent trail appeared to dissipate again near the area of Manassas Court across from the crime scene. Bodo was cast along Manassas Court to see if he showed interest or found any other scent trail. Bodo showed nothing further along Manassas Court. Due to the terrain covered, the current condition of officers and canine Bodo, the track was called at 2158 hours 35 minutes after the track started. No suspect(s) was located during this track.

Comments: On Monday February 1, 2021 at 2315 hours, the canine team Clark/Bodo were requested by Officer Haught of the Independence Police Department for a vehicle sniff. The canine team arrived a few moments later and deployed for a vehicle sniff.

The canine team Clark/Bodo are a nationally certified dual purpose canine team through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). More specifically, Bodo is trained to detect and alert to the odors of marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and any of their derivatives. Canine Bodo worked his way around the vehicle showing changes in behavior at the driver side door. Canine Bodo showed a breathing pattern change, refined search area of the driver door seam and handle, and locked onto the door indicating to the presence of one or more of his trained illicit drugs. The changes in behavior and indication exhibited by canine Bodo provided police with probable cause to search the vehicle and suspect.

A search of the vehicle and the suspect's person was conducted. Hidden underneath the steering wheel was a large BandAid wrapper which inside of it contained a folded one dollar bill. Inside of the one dollar bill was a fine powder substance believed to be a narcotic or narcotic derivative. The rest of the vehicle, and the suspect's person yielded nothing more.

Vehicle:

KY/661CVE

Suspect:

Jose Garcia

KY/OL G03983252

Comments: On February 22, 2021 at approximately 1443 hours Officer Hartke was checking the rear parking lot of Red Roof Inn which is a known drug trafficking area in which this officer has taken part in numerous arrests in the area for drugs. Officer Hartke observed a white Ford passenger car back in between two parking spaces. As the officer passed by the male driver bent over in the front seat of the vehicle.

Officer Hartke notified Officer Rose who drove an unmarked patrol vehicle to drive down through the lot to see if the vehicle driver had exited the vehicle and was staying at the hotel. Approximately 5 minutes later Officer Rose drove through the back parking lot and observed the male digging in the back seat and then getting back into the driver's seat. Officer Rose then met with this officer to inform of his findings. During this time Officer Blake who was unaware of previous officers observations began to drive through the parking lot. Officer Hartke decided to make contact with the driver due to the known drug trafficking in the area and sitting in the car for such an extended time along with now a second marked police car passing. While Officer Hartke was driving into the lot of Red Roof Inn when Officer Blake had just passed the driver. The driver decided to pull out of the parking spot passing this officer. Officer flipped around and observed the vehicle pull into the Econolodge back parking lot, another high drug trafficking area. Officer Hartke initiated a traffic stop at approximately 1453 hours due to the excessive window tint and suspicious behavior.

Officer Hartke and Rose made contact with the driver now known as Kevin Reed. Reed stated he did not have his driver's license on him but provided his information for officers to run. Reed began giving inconsistent information such as he was meeting his girlfriend at the hotel. Reed said his girlfriend gave him the wrong address and she was now at the Econolodge in room 217. Reed stated we could talk to her that she was in the room and then changing his story to she was working at McDonalds and not on scene. Reed appeared nervous and consistently looking down at his lap when answering questions and shaking hands. Officer Rose took over the investigation as Officer Hartke deployed K9 Keno; being a nationally certified canine team through NAPWDA and OPOTA to detect odors as marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and their derivatives for a vehicle sniff. During the initial pass around the vehicle K9 Keno showed changes of behavior by changes of breathing pattern and gait at the passenger side front door and drivers side front door. During the detail pass around the vehicle K9 Keno showed changes of breathing and gait at the trunk area and gas tank. K9 Keno showed changes of behavior by gait, changes of breathing pattern, and change of search pattern at

the passenger side front door. K9 Keno then showed the same changes of behavior then placing his front paws and nose inside the open drivers side window taking big breaths.

Officer Rose searched Reed locating approximately \$1097 of various currency folded inside his hoodie pocket in a zipper pouch attached to the hoodie pocket. Officers searched the vehicle locating a black box spray painted gold hidden in the lining of the trunk near the back seat drivers side. The box contained a large quantity of baggies commonly used in the repackaging and selling of illicit drugs. Officers located in the passenger side rear door a Monster Energy Drink can that was a false hide can. Under the center console officers located two syringes commonly used for injecting illicit drugs. Officers took apart the center console locating two brown baggies twisted off containing suspected methamphetamine. One baggie contained approximately 2 grams and the other baggie containing 13 grams.

Criminal Investigative Division

The Criminal Investigations Division responded to a death investigation that occurred. Detectives processed the scene and in consultation with the Kenton County Coroner's Office were able to determine the cause of death. The official results of the investigation are pending the coroners' final report. Detective Auton is in the process of renewing his Drug Recognition Expert Certification(DRE). The DRE training gives him the ability to establish what kind of drug the suspect is under the influence of. This certification qualifies him to testify as an expert witness in court. Detectives also continue to investigate several sexual assault cases along with other offenses.

Community Resource Officer

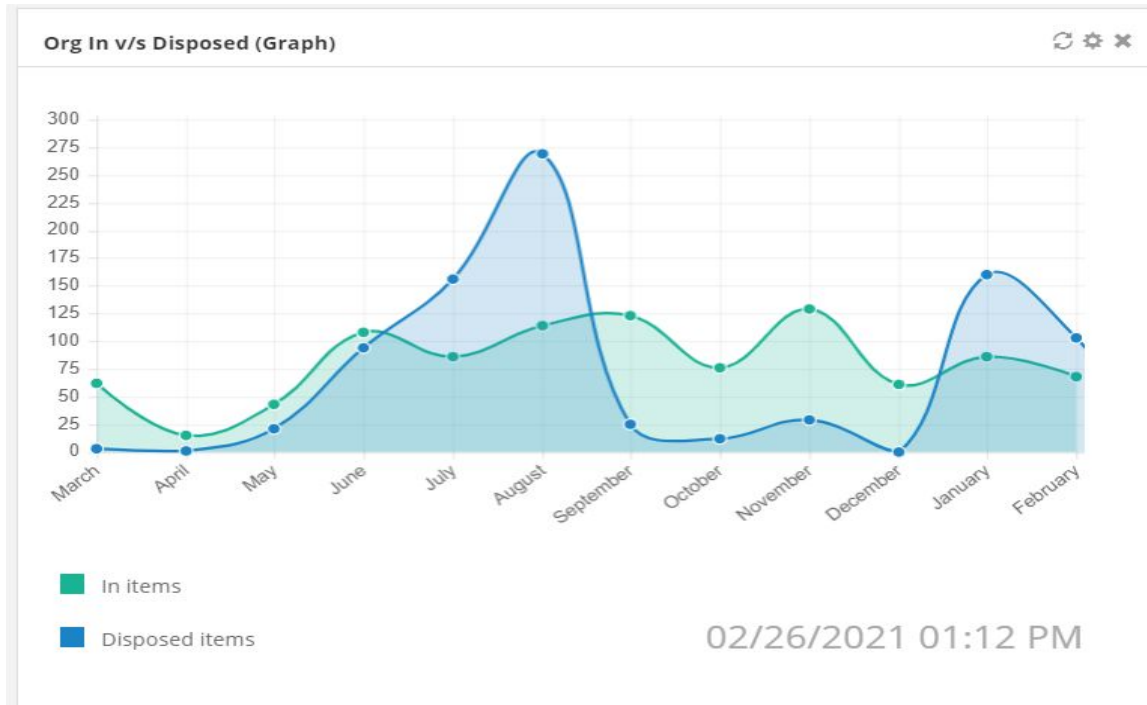
Erlanger Police Department and E-Angel organized a farmers to family food distribution in Lloyd Parking lot. This program helped to deliver food to nearly 2000 families from the area. This program was a great success and we will be continuing this program in March.

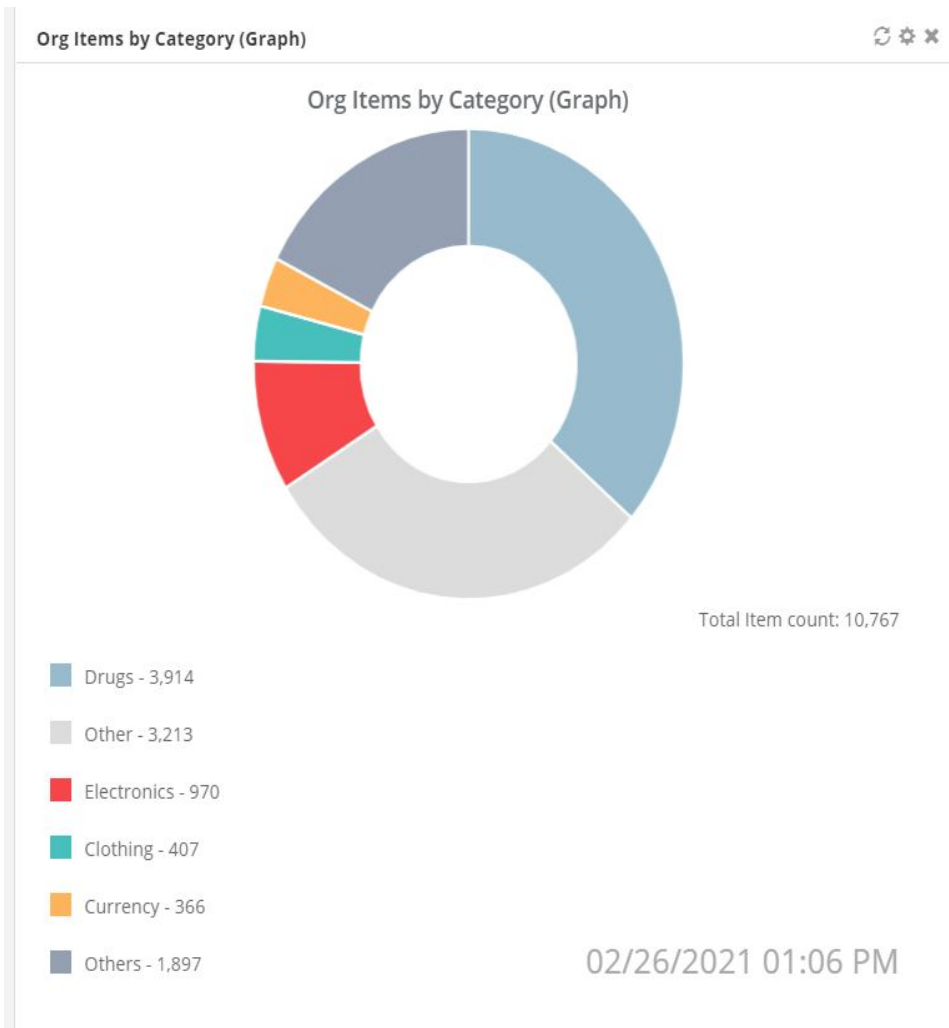
Training / Evidence Management

Evidence February 2021

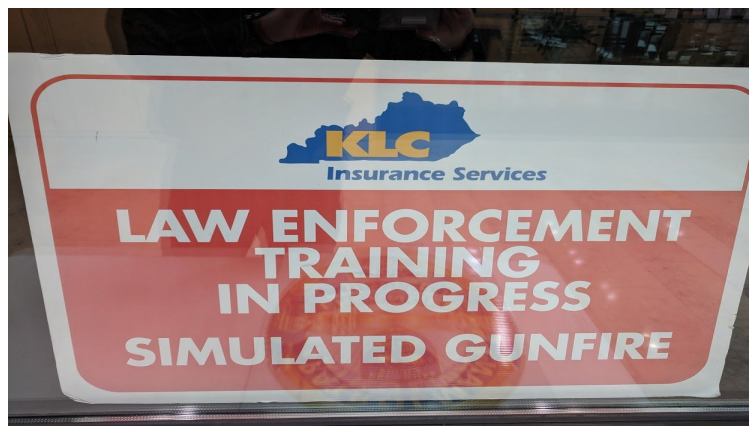
Per court order, a drug burn was conducted this month disposing of over 60 evidence items. An ongoing audit of all items of evidence is nearing completion in the basement vault. Several dozen discrepancy reports on specific item storage locations have been completed. Collectively over 100

items have been disposed per court's order. T.O. Eagler completed two web based training modules specific to evidence management.





Response to resistance simulator training has concluded on 02/11/2021 with over 180 individuals trained in this year's KLC recommended scenarios.



LEOSA

Five Erlanger Police Retired Officers were qualified on their annually required LEOSA Course this month. Retired Officers who wish to maintain their LEOSA License must qualify and renew their credentials annually. "The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) is a United States federal law, enacted in 2004, that allows two classes of persons - the "qualified Law Enforcement officer" and the "qualified retired or separated Law Enforcement officer" - to carry a concealed firearm in any jurisdiction in the United States or United States Territories, regardless of state or local laws, with certain exceptions."

If readers would like any further information regarding ERPD Training / Evidence please contact T.O. Eagler at 859.393.5378.

Bike Patrol

No bike activity due to staffing limitations and weather

Police Cadets

Plans are being made to restart Cadet training

School Resource Officers

Lloyd - SRO Scott Abney

Narrative - With more and more students returning activity did pickup slightly. A student was caught in the restroom with a Vape Device that smelled like marijuana. Sent to lab to check for THC oil. Some time was spent working with counselors on assorted custody orders. 2 of those were sent to the cabinet.

Arrests/Citations		Meetings	
Asst. School Searches	2	Medical Assists	
Asst. School Admin.	45	Officer Assist	
Classroom Activity		Other S.R.O. Duties	
Counsel Students	8	Parent Consultations	4
Dispatched Calls		Attended After School Events	
Disruptive Students		Traffic Details/Parking	
Camera Review	12	Transportations	4
Drills	2	Lockouts & Battery Starts	
Home Visits	8	Harassment Investigations	
Fights/Assault/ Abuse of Teacher		Drugs /Alcohol Investigations	1

Theft Investigations		Cases Referred to C.F.C.	2
Other Investigations	2	COURT	

Days of School: 9

Tichenor - SRO Roger Ruby

Narrative:

Arrests/Citations		Meetings	
Asst. School Searches		Medical Assists	
Asst. School Admin.	29	Officer Assist	1
Classroom Activity		Other S.R.O. Duties	4
Counsel Students	1	Parent Consultations	1
Dispatched Calls		Attended After School Events	1
Disruptive Students	4	Traffic Details/Parking	
Camera Review	2	Transportations	
Drills	4	Lockouts & Battery Starts	
Home Visits	15	Harassment Investigations	
Fights/Assault/ Abuse of Teacher		Drugs /Alcohol Investigations	
Theft Investigations		Cases Referred to C.F.C.	
Other Investigations		COURT	

Lindeman, Miles, - SRO Joel Shepherd

FEBRUARY 2021

radios=5

home visits=12

Continued to do the crosswalk at Commonwealth and Baker.

Began the STAND virtual lessons at Lindeman and completed the virtual lessons at Miles.

Performed safety checks at both schools.

Reviewed safe entry practices with front office staff.

Advised Matt Engel about the Raptor program at Miles.

Delivered food to families in need.

Reviewed STAND google classrooms daily to engage with students.

Addressed parking complaints at Miles Elem.

Setup traffic pattern at Lindeman in preparation of all students returning.

Addressed two safety concerns with Matt Engel and reported back to principal.

Assisted Lindeman cafeteria staff with packing bags and distributing meals to families.

Shoveled sidewalks around the Commonwealth and Baker crosswalk to make it safer for kids.

Trained Ofc Nunn on google tests for Stand.

Created Google Drive file for Ofc Nunn to help him teach his Stand classes.

Assisted Miles in setting up book fair to maintain safety standards due to covid.

