Spc. Austin DePugh

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DePugh resides in Ross County, where he works as a firefighter. It's no surprise that when people are in need, he is ready to help at a moment's notice. "I joined the National Guard so I could serve my country, help the community and better myself as a person." Although his job has not been impacted by the coronavirus, DePugh was activated to help support food bank operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. DePugh said his largest takeaway from this activation is that he gets to see the difference, first-hand, what he and his fellow guardsmen's support brings to the community that is in need.

Spc. Austin DePugh is supporting food packaging and distribution operations at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Clark, Champaign and Logan Counties in Springfield, Ohio during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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