

Strengthening Agriculture - Activity 2 - Safety

Back the Blue Cookout

+2/2 Safety has become an increasingly worrisome issue for school systems around the country. To help strengthen the bond between our school and law enforcement agencies, the FFA hosted a "Back the Blue Cookout". This allowed law enforcement to sit and eat with school staff while helping law enforcement become familiarized with the school.

Goal #1

+2/3 **Goal:** Have 10 law enforcement officers represented by 3 different law enforcement agencies (city police, sheriff's office, and state police) attend the Back the Blue Cookout on September 14, 2019.

+1.5/3 **Plan of Action:** Special permission was obtained from the School Board Office for the event. Two weeks prior to the event, direct contact was made with each law enforcement agency by speaking directly with their Public Affairs Officer. The Monday prior to the event, a follow-up email was sent to each agency to remind them of the visit. The FFA Reporter created a flyer through Cavana.com that was distributed to these groups both in print and electronically.

+1/1 **Outcome: EXCEEDED** 13 members of either the Madisonville Police Department, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office, and the Kentucky State Police were in attendance for the Back the Blue Cookout on September 14, 2019.

Goal #2

+1.5/3 **Goal:** To have 70% of high school teachers and staff in attendance for the Back the Blue Cookout on September 14th, 2019.

+1.5/3 **Plan of Action:** Special permission was obtained from the school principal for the event. One week prior to the event, an email was sent out to the school teachers and staff to advertise the cookout. The shop was cleaned by the agriculture classes, and different signage was made to help direct staff to the event. Determining food quantity was assisted by previous receipts from staff-wide cookouts. Burgers were purchased from Kroger, including vegetarian options.

+1/1 **Outcome: EXCEEDED** 82% of the school staff (including teachers, administrators, counselors, custodians, etc) were in attendance for the Back the Blue Cookout on September 14th, 2019.

Goal #3

+1.5/3 **Goal:** To have 70% of agriculture students wear blue on September 14, 2019 in support of law enforcement.

+1/3 **Plan of Action:** Two weeks prior to the event, classes were told about the cookout. As a special incentive, students were offered bonus points toward their upcoming test if they wore blue to show support for law enforcement. Further guidelines were established that week to specify what counted as "purposefully wearing blue in support". Students determined that, like Certified Black Angus Premiums, "over 51% of what is worn must be true blue" for it to count. *Not an action step*

+1/1 **Outcome: EXCEEDED** 75% of students enrolled in the agriculture courses wore blue on September 14, 2019 in support of law enforcement.

Summary

Advancing Agriculture: By hosting different law enforcement agencies at the school, a stronger bond was established between these agencies and school staff. Benefits by group:

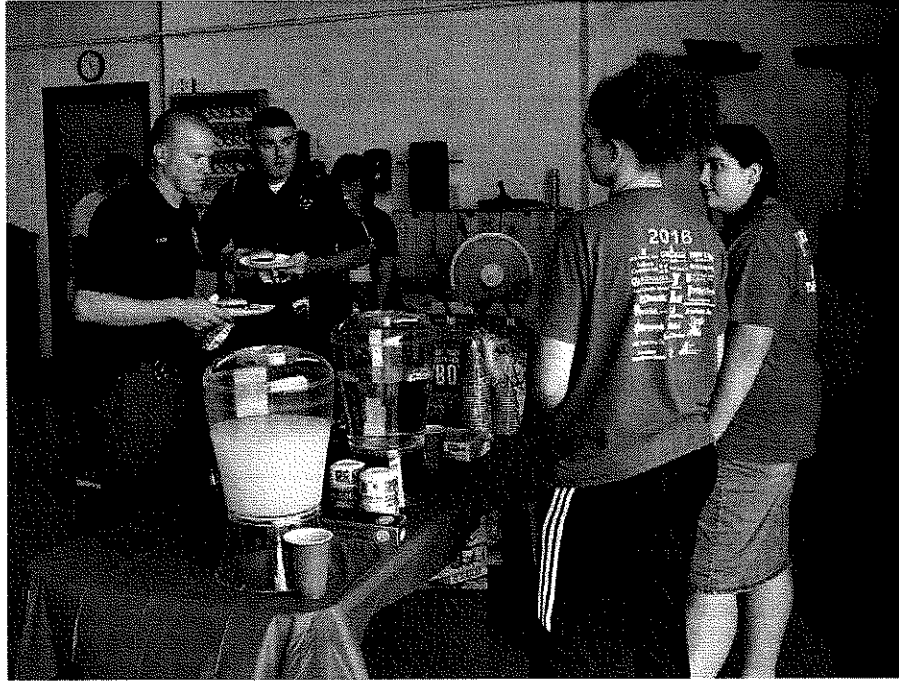
- +3/6 - Law Enforcement: strengthened relationships with school staff, while familiarizing themselves with the school building.
- School Staff: strengthened relationships with local law enforcement
- Students: strengthened the understanding of law enforcement, while encouraging students to better support this group

+5.5/6 **Impact:** From hosting this meal, 13 law enforcement officers were able to enter the high school which allowed them to become more familiarized with the building. Of these, only 6 had ever been to the school. Only 3 of those had gone beyond the gymnasium or front lobby. This will help in any unpredictable crisis situations, as these officers now have a better understanding of their surroundings. This also allowed for 91 school staff to develop a stronger rapport with officers as they ate together.

+3/4 **Related to Quality Standard:** When strengthening the safety of our school, establishing strong rapport between the school system and law enforcement is vital. These law enforcement officers now have a stronger connection to the school and are more familiarized with the building.



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To strengthen the rapport between local law enforcement and our school, the FFA hosted a "Back the Blue Cookout" for both officers and school personnel. This allowed police to familiarize themselves with the school while strengthening their connection with school staff. Students also wore blue to further show support of these individuals, helping cook and serve food for the event. Each law enforcement agency was represented, while 82% of the school staff was in attendance.

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- * GOALS MISSING "WHO" WILL DO THE JOB
- * ACTION PLANS MISS CLEAR STEPS + WHO IS DOING THEM
- * GOALS DO NOT FIT "SAFETY" BENEFITS
 - ↳ NOT POINT VALUE AS MUCH AS OVERALL LACK OF RELEVANCE
- * ADVANCING AG - NO TANGIBLE CONCEPTS TO SUPPORT CLAIMS
- * IMPACT WAS DECENT, MUCH STRONGER TIE TO "SAFETY" BUT NOT AG SPECIFIC
- * PICTURE SEEMS LEGIT + NOT STAGED, CAPTION MISSING NUMBERS FROM IMPACT SECTION

