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Tucson Police Department officers and Pima County Sheriff's deputies partake in free lunch on Thank a Cop Day at M&I Bank.

## Local bank thanks cops with free food all day

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All six Southern Arizona M&I Bank branches began Thank a Cop Day last week with bagels and coffee in the morning.

The Tucson Police Department headquarters and the Patrick Hardesty Midtown substation also got in on the action on June 2.

All through the day M&I and the Tucson Police Foundation treated hundreds of police and sheriff's officers to breakfast, lunch and then dinner.

"I've been robbed a couple of times — you guys are life-savers," Lydia Duron Hilling said to Tucson Police Sgts. Eric Johnson and Sean Bailey as they had bagels and coffee.

Duron Hilling is vice president and branch manager for the M&I branch at 4380 N. Campbell Ave.

"The police did a great job of calming everyone down. They

just make you feel safe," she said. "Anytime you want coffee you're welcome to stop by. We always have some on."

The Tucson Police Foundation is the official fundraising arm of the Tucson Police Department and provides capital to buy safety equipment for the department, with funds buying canine training suits, Tasers, holsters, quick-clot bandages, speciality tools and GPS units for vehicles.

The foundation also provides money for training camps and the Santa Cop program.

Cards and banners made by the public were given to the police during the event.

The Tucson Police Foundation collected donations of \$1 to \$200 and raised \$5,000 by the end of the day.

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M&I Bank branch manager Lydia Duron Hilling greets Tucson Police Sgts. Eric Johnson and Sean Bailey as they pick up breakfast.