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Arizona Rock Products Association News Release

Phoenix, Arizona – April 22, 2020 – The Arizona Rock Products Association has teamed up with the Mission Possible Café part of the Phoenix Rescue Mission to deliver thank you for your service treats to well over 500 officers of the Phoenix Police Department. The Mission’s famously delicious cookies were delivered to the headquarters as a thank you for the tireless and appreciated service of our first responders During the COVID-19 outbreak and beyond. Michael Simmon, manager of Mission Possible Café commented, “It’s our great pleasure to bless those that are bravely serving in this time of crisis. We know that these days have been hard, and we want them to know that we see them and are grateful for their commitment to keeping our city, state and its people safe.”

Phoenix Rescue Mission is a leading provider of Christ-centered, life-transforming solutions to persons facing hunger, homelessness, addiction, and trauma in the Valley of the Sun. They are driven by a calling to provide solutions to the men, women and children who come to their doorstep each day. Their long-term, recovery programs for men, women, and mothers with children focus on the healing of the total person. The Phoenix Rescue Mission has two residential centers that offer a blend of discipleship, counseling, relapse prevention, group therapy, and vocational and educational services to over 340 clients at a time.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak they were forced to close the Café; the proceeds of which go right back into the Mission work. During that time Simmon reached out to the Arizona Rock Products Association with an opportunity to make a difference by letting people working on the front lines of the outbreak know how much their work is appreciated.

The Mission did not stop there. Both Simmon and Trussell commented, “this is only the beginning of our expression of gratitude and sincere appreciation for service above and beyond the call of duty.” The staff of the Mission provided lunch for officers of the Arizona Department of Public Safety and on Friday, they will be providing treats for the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs led by Major General Michael T. McGuire. “The work of the men and women of the Arizona National Guard can never go unnoticed or underappreciated at a time like this”, said Steve Trussell, Executive Director of the Arizona Rock Products Association. Their commitment to our great state in this time of need deserves significant recognition.

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The Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) is the oldest mining related trade organization in Arizona and for well over 60 years has been providing representation for 51 member companies involved with the production of aggregates, asphaltic concrete, ready mix concrete, asphalt, lime products, and portland cement used in nearly every private and public construction project in Arizona. Arizona’s aggregate mining industry employs approximately 7,745 people directly and 17,929 indirectly for a total of 25,674 has an estimated direct and indirect impact on the Arizona economy of \$4.9 billion. Our producer members are combined with over 67 associate members that provide related transportation, contracting, mining supplies and consulting services.