

Spc. Ivan Perez

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Perez grew up in Medina County, in the northern part of Ohio. His reason for joining the Ohio National Guard at first, was the educational benefits. “After I had a break in service, I decided I wanted to be part of something bigger in society.” Presently a wastewater treatment operator in a chemical plant, he was not laid off from his job. “My job provides raw materials for pharmaceutical companies, so there have been no layoffs.” As a member of Taskforce Workhorse, Perez was activated to help provide food packaging and distribution support to Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio in Lorain. Perez said the most rewarding part of supporting this pandemic is being able to “give back some hope to the community where I work every day.”

Spc. Ivan Perez is supporting food packaging and distribution operations at the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio in Lorain, Ohio during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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