



# NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE



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Newberry Township, Goldsboro, Lewisberry and York Haven Residents,

As you are aware, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic. Here in Pennsylvania, we are seeing a rapidly changing situation and it is important for the Police Department to maintain open communications with you regarding our measures to ensure the safety of our residents, staff and community. Currently, Gov. Tom Wolfe is banning gatherings of 250 or more people, and several schools are contemplating the decision to close schools for at least 14 days. Currently, there have been twenty (20) presumptive positive cases and two (2) confirmed cases of COVID-19, however none of them are in the Harrisburg area.

With this news and the unknowns that are yet to come, I believe it's important that our community knows that our agency is taking this pandemic seriously and will continue to provide the best possible service to our residents. I also feel prudent to update you on what precautions are being taken by the Newberry Township Police Department to decrease the risk of infection.

First, let me assure you that the Newberry Township Police Department is committed to our residents and our top priority is to keep our residents safe during this unprecedented point in time. On the advice of local and national health authorities, officers have been issued personal protective equipment and have been encouraged to practice social distancing when appropriate. For example, when practicable, officers will make determinations on which calls require the physical presence of an officer and calls that can be handled over the phone or by other means. **This decision, however, will be made on a case by case basis and never in the event of an emergency.**

Additionally, Officers may elect to wear issued personal protective equipment at my direction, which would be merely for precautionary measures and this should not be interpreted as the presence of coronavirus. Officers might also request people to step outside when they come to homes, businesses or other places unless it is necessary for them to enter the premises. Lastly, please do not feel offended if we do not shake hands, this is for your safety and ours.

The Newberry Township Police Department is fortunate to enjoy an excellent working relationship with our neighboring police agencies and we have mutual aid agreements with them in place. If staffing is impacted at our agency, or with one of our partner agencies, we will all step in to share resources per



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these agreements. We stand ready not only to serve our Newberry Township residents, but our neighboring jurisdictions if needed.

Our number one priority is safety—both yours and ours. While there are still several unknown facts surrounding COVID-19 and the impact it may ultimately have on our community, please know that we are *all* on the same side in the fight to stay healthy.

Stay safe,

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