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SUFFOLK POLICE TO CHANGE RESPONSE TO NON-VIOLENT INCIDENTS DUE TO COVID-19

SUFFOLK, VA (March 20, 2020) The Suffolk Police Department is changing the way it responds to non-violent incidents due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new response procedures are designed to reduce citizen's and Officer's exposure to the coronavirus in the line of duty. Further, Officers will be using social distancing and personal protective equipment to limit contact as much as possible in accordance with recommendations by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Police may not respond to non-violent offenses. Incidents that can be adequately handled by telephone reporting will not have an Officer response.

Citizens are encouraged to call Non-Emergency Dispatch at 757-923-2350, Option 8, to make telephone reports.

Responses to serious incidents and threats to public safety will continue to receive priority responses.

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