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COVID19 (Coronavirus) Police Response Community Notification Directive

The Southern Shores Police Department has and will continue to provide the highest level of police services to our citizens, visitors and businesses. At the same time, we also have an important obligation to provide our officers the needed protection and safeguards that are being recommended and implemented for First Responders nationwide.

The following procedures will be in effect immediately to keep our police officers and their families as safe as possible during this national pandemic.

- Non-emergent Calls for Service will be handled over the phone whenever possible, unless circumstances require physical contact.
- Police Officers **will not be responding** to general **non-emergency** EMS calls for services. Ex: patient assists, general sick.
- Officers **will respond to all emergency** EMS calls for service.
- Depending on the type of call for service, officers may request that you exit your home to speak with the officers outside.
- The town has already sent out notice of restrictions for both the Town Hall and the Police Department, which includes locking down the police department. Should you need immediate assistance dial 911, there is a call box on the front of the police department that goes directly to Dare County Communication Center. For non-emergent situations call 252-261-3331, after hours call 252-473-3444.
- We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and hope everyone takes the suggested precautionary measures that both the State and Dare County have put in place.

Sincerely,

David M. Kole
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