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PUBLIC NOTICE

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In light of serious concerns regarding the COVID-19 Virus (Corona Virus), The Spotswood Police Department will be implementing important changes to our normal operations. We are asking the public's help in implementing the following changes:

- If you and/or a current or former member of your household are displaying signs of a respiratory illness to include fever, cough, difficulty breathing and shortness of breath, please be sure to notify police dispatch when you call so that our officers can utilize the proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) when responding to your home.
- Officers will request to speak with you outside of your home to gather the proper information.
- Officers have been instructed to keep 6 foot interview distance from everyone when possible. This is in accordance with recommendations given by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) which is also a universal precaution being recommended to the public as well.
- For minor calls for service such as thefts, criminal mischief, harassment complaints, etc., an officer may not respond to your home, rather the officer will contact you by phone to gather the pertinent information to complete an Investigation Report. You will receive a case number and the case officer's name for future reference.
- Please **DO NOT** come to the Spotswood Municipal Building if you are ill. If you need to make a report it can be done over the phone.

Please be advised that these changes apply to non-life threatening calls for service only. You are hereby reminded that in an emergency you can always expect that the same swift and stellar service by the Spotswood Police Department. **In a true emergency please dial 9-1-1.**

These changes are essential for the protection of the general public and for the maintenance of an efficient and effective law enforcement response.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.