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Public Service Announcement

To: Regional Press
From: Chief of Police, David Mack
Cc: File, City Manager
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Napoleon Police Department has implemented protective measures for services within the City of Napoleon to prevent the potential spread of the Coronavirus otherwise known as COVID-19. To ensure the officers are able to provide and maintain a consistent level of quality service throughout this pandemic, we will be taking steps to ensure the safety and protection of our staff, as we can continue to protect the citizens of Napoleon.

The following precautionary measures will take effect immediately:

- Should you contact the Dispatch Center or encounter an officer, they will be asking you the following two questions. These questions assist us in screening for potentially infected individuals.
 1. Do you or anyone in your household have a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath?
 2. Have you been in contact with anyone that had flu like symptoms or has been out of the country in the last 30 days?
- The Departments are temporarily requiring our officers to reduce their responses to residences for not in-progress calls on some non-violent offenses. These calls for service will be handled on a case by case situation. For all non-emergency calls, an officer will contact the citizen to determine if an officer

needs to respond to the scene. If an officer isn't needed at the scene, but a report is needed, then we will take the report over the phone. The report will be taken and a follow-up with the citizen will occur within 14 days, if additional information is needed. For all calls requiring a response as determined by officers or an immediate emergency response, our officers will still follow standard response procedures and will respond accordingly.

- No one can enter the interior of the Police Department, but the lobby will remain open, until further notice. Anyone coming to the Napoleon Police Department to make a report, obtain a vehicle release or speak to an officer will need to use the front lobby window. Officers & Dispatchers will be able to speak to you through this window.
- For reports, whoever is needing a copy of the report should attempt to request the public records first through one of the following methods:
 - City of Napoleon Website at <http://www.napoleonohio.com/city-government/departments/police-department/police/>
 - Public Roadway Crashes can be obtained by going to the State of Ohio Website at <https://services.dps.ohio.gov/CrashOnline/CrashRetrieval>. All public roadway crashes handled by the Napoleon Police will be available on this website as soon as they are ready and approved by our command officers.
- Fingerprinting services, all ride-a-long requests and presentations have been suspended until further notice.
- All other inquiries can be emailed to NPD@napoleonohio.com.

We are encouraging all our citizens to use the CDC guidelines to protect themselves and others during this pandemic. We need to take these steps to protect our employees so we can ensure the safety and protection of our citizens.



David Mack, Chief of Police