

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE

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An Important Message from the Chief of Police:

Hello! At this point, everyone is well aware of the declared COVID-19 or Coronavirus pandemic. I wanted to assure our residents, businesses and friends that we continue to perform our duties to the best of our ability.

However, we have modified several procedures in order to better safeguard our Police Officers, staff and the general public from the spread of the virus.

In some cases, Officers have been authorized to handle calls by phone in order to limit their exposure. If they respond in person, Officers may ask a complainant to step outside in order to take a report. We have asked Officers to maintain a 6 to 10 feet distance between parties to further minimize the exposure risk of all involved parties. Please do not take offense to these measures.

Furthermore, the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors has authorized limiting the public's access to the Municipal Building for the time being. For now, staff will be in the Police Department's Administrative Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. During those hours, calls for reports or other administrative purposes can be made to 215-453-6000. Non-emergency calls for service should be made to 215-453-6011. Calls for emergencies should be made to 9-1-1. General inquiries can also be faxed to 215-453-6062 or e-mailed to pdadmin@hilltownpd.org, but please note that these inquiries will not be received immediately.

In addition, we have suspended tours of the Police Department and fingerprinting for non-law enforcement purposes.

Rest assured, the Police Department is fully operational and ready to respond to any emergency. We are closely monitoring the situation in collaboration with local, county, state and federal officials.

Finally, the Police Department also has a plan in place in the unlikely circumstance that would require either a full or partial quarantine of its personnel. All Bucks County Chiefs of Police have been in constant communication to assure there is no disruption to public safety throughout the county.

We hope to resume normal operations as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your patience, cooperation and support during this critical time.

Sincerely,

Christopher Engelhart

Chief of Police