

To Our Community:

In the last several days our President, our Governor, our County Commissioners, and our Mayor have all declared a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus a pandemic. Out of an abundance of caution, the Wendell Police Department is implementing minor adjustments in our operating procedures to ensure we can continue to provide the safety and core services our community has come to not only expect, but to depend on. In order to accomplish these goals, we must protect the health and well-being of the public and our police officers.

Effective immediately, many non-violent criminal reports will only be taken by telephone. These reports include, but are not limited to: misdemeanor theft, harassing communications, lost property, identity theft, frauds or scams. If you need to file a report for a non-violent crime, please call the Wendell Police Department at 919-365-4444.

If you are a victim of a crime or a witness and need police assistance, please dial 911.

The front door to our police department will be locked. An intercom system has been installed and if you need assistance at the police department during the hours of 8:00a.m-5:00p.m. please use the Ring system. If you come to the police department outside of regular business hours you may use the phone located in the call box beside the front door of the police department.

If you need to pick up a police report or traffic accident report, please contact the Wendell Police Department by calling our front desk at 919-365-4444 and we can email or mail a copy to you.

Until further notice we will not be allowing any prescription medicine drop offs in our Medicine Drop Off Box.

Our Dispatch Center will be asking more questions to collect a wider range of information from callers to better prepare officers responding to calls. This is being done so officers can take more proactive steps; it will not affect officers' response to calls for service.

If you request an officer to come to your home or business the officers may ask you to meet them outside in order to practice social distancing.

Officers have been issued personal protective equipment, and they may be seen wearing gloves, face masks, protective eyewear and clothing. Officers may ask community members to wear surgical face masks if they are showing signs of illness.

We will be discontinuing public outreach and other non-emergency activities, such as presentations and police department tours until further notice.

We will continue to be a 24-hour, full-service police department, and we will always be here to serve you. We are committed to protecting the health and well-being of the public and our officers and to taking every possible step to ensure we are not unknowingly spreading the virus to vulnerable populations by the very nature of our job. Thank you for your continued support.