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Mayor



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Police Department Ed VanValey, Chief

To Our Renton Community:

We know there continues to be a flood of information communicated to you daily, if not almost hourly, in regards to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. We want to ensure you that the Renton Police Department is continuing to follow all recommendations made by King County Department of Public Health and our local and national government, while also making sure we continue to provide a high standard of police services to our community.

The security and protection of our community will continue to be our top priority, as well as protecting our officers who are out there serving the public. The best way we can do this is by keeping you informed on current police procedures, police response, and how best to file a police report during this time where “social distancing” is recommended:

1. If there is an “in-progress” incident our 911 communication center will continue to dispatch officers based on the priority of the call. Our officers have all been issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and are following recommended sanitizing procedures.
2. If there is an incident that has already happened and no one is in immediate danger, please call the non-emergency number at 425-235-2121. Our officers have the discretion of taking this report in person, by phone or they may refer you to online reporting.
3. We encourage you to use online reporting if possible to assist in the practice of “social distancing”. Online reporting details can be found at <http://bit.ly/onlinepolicereporting>.
When in doubt, please call 911 as our dispatchers will assist in directing you or dispatching officers.

The Renton Police Department’s number one priority is safety and at this time it is unknown how the impact of COVID-19 will continue to affect our community. Please continue to follow us on social media @rentonpdwa for current and updated information. This will also provide a way for you to reach out to our department personnel with questions via posts, comments, or messaging.

We will continue to reach out to our community as needed for updates or changes to services or procedures. As a community, please know that we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ed VanValey'.

Chief E. VanValey