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Dear Residents,

These are uncertain times, and life as we know is actively changing. The Demarest Police Department has been tirelessly working on changes to our standard operation procedures and our response protocols. We have an alternate shift schedule that will be implemented to maintain a constant patrol presence in the borough. We have sent all non-essential employees home and will call upon our Special Police force to assist when the time comes.

We send a special thank you to the men and woman of Bergen County Communications for the ongoing commitment to the Borough of Demarest and this police department. Bergen County Communications has made available an application called 911eye. This application allows the Demarest Police Department to live stream video from a cellular phone during a call for service. We will use this application to reduce in-person interactions. While a desk officer is in contact during a live stream, there will be officers outside ready to act so response time to true emergencies will not be impacted.

As Chief of Police, I am encouraging our residents to please take this pandemic seriously and obey Governor Murphy's Executive Order 107 "Stay at Home." Please keep your families, neighbors and friends in your hearts and help each other get through this. We have a submission form at www.demarestpd.org for any resident that is in need.

Lastly, an abundance of false information is being circulated throughout our community. Please make sure the information you are hearing is coming from credible sources. The State of New Jersey has a COVID-19 Information Hub covid19.nj.gov, and please visit www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control for reliable information. Please stay safe, and we will get through this together.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Bianchi".

Chief Christopher Bianchi
Demarest Police