



DEMAREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Residents, and Business Owners,

Effective immediately, the Demarest Police Department will take police reports over the phone for certain types of non-emergency calls. This service will be utilized for the time being and will continue until further notice due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus currently affecting our community. The types of calls that our officers will take over the phone are those that do not require an on-scene investigation to be conducted, evidence collected, or otherwise require an officer to respond. Residents having incidents meeting the above criteria are urged to take advantage of this service.

As you all are aware the COVID-19 Coronavirus is a respiratory illness that can be spread from person to person via close contact. The goal of this is to help limit the exposure of our officers, as well as all citizens of any unnecessary person to person contact. Our officers interact with many people throughout the work day and limiting any exposures will aid us in mitigating spread of the virus during these trying times.

If it is determined that a response by an officer is warranted, please be aware that they will be maintaining a "safe social distance" between themselves and you. Please refrain from any type of physical contact i.e. shaking hands, pounding fist, pat on the back etc. We need to protect our personnel so that they will be able to continue to meet the emergency needs of the community. Please do not take offense and be completely forthcoming when our officers read a safety script that was mandated when encountering the public. This is being done to keep our officers and the public safe.

Although this change is temporary, rest assured, we are here to serve and this is a minor change out of pure precaution. Our officers will always respond to emergency calls, crimes of violence, crimes against a person. If you need us, CALL US!!

For those of you that may need to pick up a copy of police report we kindly ask that you call 201-768-1540 and speak with a desk officer beforehand. Although Brough Hall is only open to employees it will remain closed to the general public for the time being. If you need assistance, pick up the phone located at the bottom of the staircase in front of borough hall and someone will assist you.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for NIXLE.COM. Any and all-important information that may need to be transmitted to our residents will be sent to both your email and cellphone via NIXLE.COM. We also encourage you all to visit our website www.demarestpd.org for updates on this ever-changing health emergency.

The Demarest Police Department continues to monitor the constantly evolving recommendations for health and safety as they relate to COVID-19 with our health department, our office of emergency management, borough officials, and Mayor. We are all committed to providing our residents and business owners with timely information and the highest level of service possible.

Thank you all for your continued cooperation,

Chief Christopher W. Bianchi