

CASA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM NARRATIVE

CASA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On March 11, 2020, Governor Ducey declared a State of Emergency. He issued several Executive Orders with more expected. Executive Order 2020-18 limits activities outside of the house. Executive Order 2020-09 prohibits onsite dining at restaurants and closes bars, movie theaters, and indoor gyms. The Casa Grande Police Department will be enforcing Governor Ducey's Executive Orders as well as any ordinances issued by the Casa Grande Mayor and Council relating to the control of the Coronavirus within the City of Casa Grande.

The Casa Grande Police Department has and will continue to appropriately balance the level of response during this crisis and place priority on protecting the health of employees and the public. In collaboration with the City of Casa Grande, the Casa Grande Police Department will follow the City's Emergency Operations Plan for intra-departmental coordination. Emphasis has been placed on staffing uniformed Field Operations and equipping them with Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), which includes but is not limited to: Masks, Gloves, Sanitizer and Eye-protection.

Call response and proactive activity adjustments will be enacted to ensure service delivery obligations are met, while enhancing personnel safety, availability to answer emergency calls, and the appropriate levels of on-duty sworn personnel to enforce proclamations enacted for public order and safety. We anticipate an increase in some calls for service. We are already experiencing a higher volume of Domestic Violence calls and Suicide calls, which have resulted from the issues surrounding the Coronavirus. Additionally, new demands are being placed on police resources as we are tasked with new kinds of enforcement and security details related to the on-going pandemic.

Before this crisis began, the Casa Grande Police Department staffing level was down by four (4) police officers. It is unknown when we will be able to fill those positions, which depends on availability of qualified candidates, police academy schedules and field training timelines. This shortage of officers, the on-going pandemic and the potential for officer exposure create staffing demands that require additional operational overtime. Should we reach Tier 3 of the department's Coronavirus Protocol, we will implement a 12hr/4squad schedule with built-in overtime.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends law enforcement personnel who make in person visits should protect themselves from coronavirus

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exposure by maintaining a distance of at least six feet, practicing proper hand hygiene and not touching their face. People who might have the virus should be transported to healthcare facilities by emergency medical service personnel or technicians rather than law enforcement, according to CDC guidelines. For law enforcement personnel who must contact people confirmed or suspected of having the virus, the CDC recommends they wear appropriate PPEs.

Although arrests and bookings of prisoners has been limited where possible to avoid unneeded exposure, The Casa Grande Police Department can't prevent all arrests. Serious felonies and violent offenses are still being handled as normal. As such, officers and PTOs are responsible for processing and transporting those arrested to the county jail in Florence, Arizona, 35 miles from Casa Grande. This increases the possibility of prolonged exposure for PD staff. Staff are utilizing PPEs to protect themselves and placing masks on in-custody individuals. We are trying to avoid bringing prisoners into the police jail, however, when we do, staff will sanitize the facility after they leave.

CASA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Casa Grande Fire Department responds to all medical calls within the City of Casa Grande as well as neighboring communities. The Casa Grande Police Department responds to 30% of all medical calls along with the Fire Department. In addition to treating citizens, the fire department treats officers and their fellow firefighters/paramedics.

The CDC recommends all EMS clinicians who will directly care for a patient with possible COVID-19 infection or who will be in the compartment with the patient should follow Standard Precautions and use the PPEs as described below.

Recommended PPE includes:

N-95 or higher-level respirator or facemask (if a respirator is not available), N95 respirators or respirators that offer a higher level of protection should be used instead of a facemask when performing or present for an aerosol-generating procedure

Eye protection (i.e., goggles or disposable face shield that fully covers the front and sides of the face). Personal eyeglasses and contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection

A single pair of disposable patient examination gloves. Change gloves if they become torn or heavily contaminated, and isolation gown. If there are shortages of gowns, they

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should be prioritized for aerosol-generating procedures, care activities where splashes and sprays are anticipated, and high-contact patient care activities that provide opportunities for transfer of pathogens to the hands and clothing of EMS clinicians (e.g., moving patient onto a stretcher)

- When the supply chain is restored, fit-tested EMS clinicians should return to use of respirators for patients with known or suspected COVID-19
- Drivers, if they provide direct patient care (e.g., moving patients onto stretchers), should wear all recommended PPE. After completing patient care and before entering an isolated driver's compartment, the driver should remove and dispose of PPE and perform hand hygiene to avoid soiling the compartment. ◦If the transport vehicle does not have an isolated driver's compartment, the driver should remove the face shield or goggles, gown and gloves and perform hand hygiene. A respirator or facemask should continue to be used during transport
- All personnel should avoid touching their face while working
- On arrival, after the patient is released to the facility, EMS clinicians should remove and discard PPE and perform hand hygiene. Used PPE should be discarded in accordance with routine procedures
- Other required aspects of Standard Precautions (e.g., injection safety, hand hygiene) are not emphasized in this document but can be found in the guideline titled Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings

The Casa Grande Police and Fire Departments will coordinate purchasing the necessary equipment and will distribute as necessary. As more data is made available by the Arizona Department of Public Health and Pinal County Public Health, both departments will be able to evaluate the needs of the community and will respond according.