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SUBJECT: DPD Response to COVID-19

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NATURE OF INCIDENT: National Emergency Response

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

[DULUTH, MN] As cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota continue to increase, the Duluth Police Department ensures that our number one priority continues to be the safety of our residents and police officers so that we can continue to serve Duluth. During this national emergency, the biggest change the citizens of Duluth will see from the police department is how we respond to 911 calls for service. When possible, officers will be responding to 911 calls over the phone. To help in this effort, if you have a crime to report that has no active leads and does not require an officer to respond, please report the crime online at <https://duluthmn.gov/police/information-services/e-report-a-crime/>. Additionally, while our entire force of 157 sworn police officers will be utilized, low-priority investigations will be delayed. We will continue to respond to and investigate violent crimes, sex crimes, and crimes against children.

Starting Tuesday, March 17th DPD headquarters and substations will be closed to the public. Starting Wednesday, March 18th, DPD headquarters and substations will be closed to both the public and nonessential employees. As of this date, this closure will be in effect until Friday, March 27th. The Duluth Police Department is in close contact with City of Duluth leaders as well as regional, state, and federal leaders. We will continue to update the citizens of Duluth on how our response to COVID-19 affects police operations.

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