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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Oak Lawn Police department is implementing additional safety precautions to further protect our residents and police officers and to limit unnecessary contacts during this difficult time.

All low priority calls that are not crimes in progress, non-emergency, delayed calls for service and service calls (lock outs, dog/animal calls), informational calls, property crimes or ordinance violations will be handled over the phone. Low priority calls can be reported utilizing one of the non-emergency numbers, 708-499-7721, 7786, 7787, and 4455. We ask that 911 is reserved for emergencies. Officers will respond based on the severity of the public safety concern. If you are involved in a traffic crash that is drivable or that occurs on private property exchange information for a report to be made in the future.

The Oak Lawn Police will maintain proactive/preventative patrols within the community and will be responding to all emergency calls including accidents with injuries, and non-drivable accidents. In addition the Oak Lawn Police will enforce all state and federal mandates as it pertains to restaurants, bars and people gathering.

We do ask for everyone not to panic during this crisis. Be responsible if you need to be out in public, protect our vulnerable population. If you are sick please contact your physician for advice before going out in public. .

Before coming to the village hall or any of the municipal buildings please do not enter if:

- If your request for service falls within the parameters of low priority
- If you have or have had a fever within the past 24 hours, are experiencing any flu like symptoms, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath.
- Have traveled outside of the United States within the last 14 days

Monitor the village website for updates as this is a fluid situation that is constantly changing.