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From: Chief Yost

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Re: Ref.: Buffalo Valley Regional Police COVID-19 Response

Considering the rapidly developing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, for the safety of the public and our officers, the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department will be limiting in-person responses by police officers.

Officers will still respond to emergency and life-threatening calls. All other calls/incidents will be initially handled by telephone contact. Officers will then determine the need to respond.

The police office will continue to be open from 8:00 am to 4:30 PM at this time. Persons entering the facility will be interviewed via window. Personal contact will be limited.

During office hours persons may call our office number **570-524-4302** and follow the recorded prompts.

If an officer is on station, they will answer the telephone. If not, utilize the non-emergency number

570-523-1113, this will connect you with our Central Dispatch who will make contact with an officer.

Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department will be suspending fingerprinting services for all non-criminal justice purposes.

Chief Yost