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Changes to Jackson Police Operations: COVID-19 Response

The Jackson Police Department is committed to abiding by the CDC recommendations to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. To safeguard the health of our police employees, to continue to protect the health and safety of the public, and to ensure that the high standard of service delivered to the public is not unduly interrupted, the following Police Department operating procedures will be adhered to effective immediately as the status of the COVID-19 virus continues to be closely monitored.

Emergency Calls for Service

Officers will continue to respond to all emergency calls for service. These emergency calls will include but not be limited to:

- * Calls involving violence/probability of violence/threat of violence/death
- * Crimes in progress
- * All domestic disturbances
- * Burglar/hold-up alarm calls
- * Suspicious person(s)/vehicle(s)
- * Ambulance calls involving serious injury/unconsciousness/ or the possibility of death

Non-Emergency Calls for Service

All non-emergency calls for service that require a police report, such as thefts, criminal damage to property, or harassing phone calls will be handled over the phone by an officer. The complainant will be required to provide all necessary reporting information to the officer. The complainant will be provided with a Jackson Police Department report number and any other follow up information at that time. Please understand that calls of this nature will be prioritized and you may experience a delay compared to the normal response times.

Public Records Request

* email: dispatch@jacksonohio.us, cbock@jacksonohio.us or call 740-286-4131

Other Police Services

Until further notice, the following police department services will be suspended:

- * The Police Department lobby – this area will remain accessible to the public but we ask that it be only for emergency services
- * Minor private property crashes – involved parties will be advised to exchange information and report the incident to their insurance companies
- * Fingerprinting requests
- * Police department involvement in non-essential community events
- * Other community service duties deemed non-essential
- * All visits or requests for police to attend functions
- * All food donations delivered to the Jackson Police Department cannot be accepted at this time

The Jackson Police Department will continue to be available to provide a public service and emergency response to the community as we adapt to prevent further spread of this virus. We appreciate your understanding the need to take these necessary steps so we can ensure the safety our employees and the public.

Jackson County Apple Festival
Held Annually Third Full Week in September

