



Plainfield Police Department

"Honorable Service"

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Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Our community has raised valid concerns about police services in the event of a mass exposure to members of the Plainfield Police Department. Just like you, we are also susceptible to COVID-19. However, to limit exposure, we have implemented many internal controls. This includes, but not limited to, providing every member with personal protective equipment, limiting face to face contact for non-emergency calls, limiting the number of police officers inside the building, ensuring our command structure stays intact with rotating schedules, and persistent cleaning measures.

Now what happens in the event our internal controls become ineffective: Does the Connecticut State Police take over jurisdiction? Will the National Guard actively patrol the town? Will other law enforcement agencies help? These are all valid questions. First and foremost, the Plainfield Police Department has a great relationship with the Connecticut State Police. However, "no" the State Police will not take over jurisdiction. They may be called upon to assist our officers, but remember they too are low on personnel. Second, the Plainfield Police Department has mutual aid agreements with other law enforcement agencies to include, but not limited to, Putnam Police Department, Norwich Police Department, and Willimantic Police Department. These agencies could be called upon to also assist the department. Lastly, the National Guard could also be called to provide support and backup, but not actively patrol the town.

We, along with everyone else across the globe, are being tested as an individual and a community. The need to stay calm and united has never been more important. We have faced many challenges during these unprecedented times and there is no doubt there will be more to come. I would like to thank you for doing your part in helping to keep our community as safe as possible. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact the police department directly. Thank you for showing support to our first responders and allowing me to serve as your Chief of Police.

Respectfully,

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