



## District Officer's Communique

### Eastern Alberta District



I wish to update you on steps that we are taking in Eastern Alberta District Detachments in response to the COVID-19 epidemic.

- The safety of the Communities we serve and our employees are our priority as we continue to provide policing services.
- Please continue to engage your Detachment Commanders in any discussions in relation to emergency planning including business or travel restrictions.
- Don't be alarmed if you see officers wearing extra protection.
  - We will be using gloves when handling documents, baggage, and personal items of any potentially ill individuals.
  - We will be using masks, eye and clothing protection when interacting with, escorting, or assisting any potentially ill individuals.
- We are encouraging all of our employees to practice regular and frequent handwashing, practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette, self-monitor for symptoms, and avoiding direct contact with sick individuals.
- To ensure the health of the public and our employees so that we are able to sustain essential services across Alberta. We have temporarily modified some of our practices in order to limit public and employee contact in non-urgent situations:
  - Some investigations will be conducted via the phone such as obtaining statements, rather than in person to limit exposure of employees and the public.
  - Fingerprinting for Criminal Record Checks will only be done in exceptional circumstances. Non-urgent fingerprinting and Criminal Record Checks will resume at a later date.
  - Some employees are tele working from home.
- We are asking the public to call your local Detachment before they attend.
- If a member of the public believes they might be ill with COVID-19, please use online assessment tools to determine if they should call 811.
- Our Operational Communications Centres remain open and fully functioning to receive calls for service. Please only call 911 for emergencies!
- We have activated our Division Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) which is monitoring our Provincial Operations and is working with the Provincial Operations Center to ensure communications are maintained with all agencies in the Province.

We are in a unique time and working together will limit the risk to our communities.

Thank you for your assistance

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