



## LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**GREG FISCHER**

MAYOR

**STEVE CONRAD**

CHIEF OF POLICE

March 20, 2020

Dear Business Owner,

We certainly are living through an unprecedented time, and I know it is impacting each of us profoundly. This is stressful for all of us as we try to make the best decisions for our employees and the public.

I realize there has been concern over some of the changes we announced for LMPD relating to what calls we will send officers on due to the pandemic outbreak. First and foremost, I want to assure you our officers **will** be out in our community to address crime. We are utilizing telephone reports for those situations where it is not necessary for an officer to take a report in person. I want to assure you we will absolutely respond to the scenes of active crimes in progress, such as break-ins, robberies or other threats to safety.

I instituted this policy in order to keep our officers healthy so they will be available to respond to serious situations. We also hope it will cut down on their exposure to the public, as we know more interactions increase the potential for officers to become carriers of the illness.

I am aware there are those looking to exploit this situation to commit crime. I have instructed our officers to keep a visible presence in the community – particularly in business districts, around grocery stores, gas stations and other critical suppliers, as well as our neighborhoods.

We are keeping our eyes on the current crime data and will adjust as necessary to respond to the needs of the community, whatever they may be.

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As we move through this situation, I anticipate you will have additional questions or concerns you would like addressed. Assistant Chief Josh Judah, who runs our Patrol Bureau, will host a video call to help answer any questions you may have, on **Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 11 a.m.**

I hope this letter provides you with a little more information, and I am confident Assistant Chief Judah will be able to address your lingering questions on a more personal level in the video chat.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Conrad', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Conrad

Louisville Metro Chief of Police