

## TALKING POINTS

SHERIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA

“PUBLIC REASSURANCE DURING COVID-19”

Monday, March 16, 2020

11:00 A.M.

HALL OF JUSTICE

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### OPENING:

- AS I STATED LAST WEEK AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRESS CONFERENCE, MY TOP PRIORITY...
- ...AS THE SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS.
- TODAY, I WANT TO REASSURE YOU THAT OUR AGENCY IS WORKING HARD TO ENSURE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN THE AREAS WE SERVE REMAIN UNINTERRUPTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS.

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- THE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, THE C.E.O.C., REMAINS OPEN AT A LEVEL 1 STATUS.
- IT IS FULLY-STAFFED WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPERTS FROM L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.
- WE CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL AGENCIES, MONITOR WORLD EVENTS AND PROVIDE THE PUBLIC THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.
- VACATIONS WERE CANCELLED THROUGH THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, TO ENSURE MORE STAFF ARE ON-HAND.
- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WAS ISSUED TO FIELD PERSONNEL.

- **WE ALSO BULKED-UP OUR INVENTORY, AND WILL LIKELY ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO...**
- **...RELEASE MORE OF OUR SERVICE AND SUPPLY FUNDS, SO WE CAN ADDRESS THE ONGOING NEED FOR MORE SUPPLIES...**
- **...SUCH AS MASKS, GLOVES, GOGGLES, AND SANITIZER.**
- **PATROL STATION AND CUSTODY FACILITY UNIT COMMANDERS WERE DIRECTED TO SANITIZE THEIR STATIONS AND JAILS...**
- **...AS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE.**
- **PERSONNEL ARE REMINDED ON EACH SHIFT TO BE COGNIZANT OF HAND-WASHING...**
- **...DON PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND BE MINDFUL OF COVERING SNEEZES AND NOT TOUCH THEIR FACES.**

#### **PERSONNEL:**

- **OVER THE WEEKEND, THREE DEPUTIES FROM MALIBU/LOST HILLS STATION...**
- **...THREE DEPUTIES AND ONE CUSTODY ASSISTANT FROM SANTA CLARITY VALLEY STATION...**
- **...AND TWO DEPUTIES FROM TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU...**
- **...WERE POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO THE CORONAVIRUS WHILE ON-DUTY AND ARE SELF-QUARANTINED, AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.**
- **IN THE EVENT THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BECOME AFFECTED...**

- **...WE HAVE PLANS IN PLACE TO GO TO A DEPARTMENT-WIDE DEPLOYMENT OF PATROL AND CUSTODY OPERATIONS.**
- **ALL NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES CAN BE CLOSED, AND THOSE PERSONNEL CAN BE...**
- **...TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO CUSTODY OR PATROL TO OFFSET AND AUGMENT MANPOWER SHORTAGES.**
- **AS OF RIGHT NOW, WE ONLY HAVE A SMALL NUMBER OF DEPUTIES ON SELF-QUARANTINE AND...**
- **...HAVE NOT SEE A LARGE SPIKE IN SICK CALL-INS.**

### **CUSTODY:**

- **TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW VIGILANT AND PROACTIVE MEDICAL STAFF WITHIN OUR JAILS HAVE BEEN:**
- **AS OF THIS MORNING, OUT OF THE 16,459 INMATES IN OUR CARE, THERE WERE ZERO CONFIRMED CASES OF THE VIRUS.**
- **NINE INMATES ARE IN ISOLATION HOUSING AT THE CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT CENTER...**
- **...AND A TOTAL OF 21 INMATES IN QUARANTINE AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND FIVE AT TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

### **REDUCING THE INMATE POPULATION:**

- **ANOTHER WAY I'M TRYING TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CONTAMINATION ENTERING OUR JAIL FACILITIES...**
- **...IS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS.**
- **I'M LOOKING AT HAVING THE AGGREGATE BAIL AMOUNT FOR BOOKING RAISED FROM \$25,000 TO \$50,000.**

- **THIS MEANS WE WILL BE ABLE TO CITE OUT MORE PEOPLE WE ARREST...**
- **...RATHER THAN BOOK THEM INTO THE JAIL SYSTEM.**

### **CLOSURES:**

- **DESPITE ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS BEING ORDERED TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS TO THE PUBLIC...**
- **...I HAVE DIRECTED ALL PATROL STATIONS TO KEEP THEIR LOBBIES OPEN.**
- **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL AHEAD, AND USE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC OPTIONS.**
- **HOWEVER, IF YOU MUST VISIT A PATROL STATION FOR NON-EMERGENT ASSISTANCE IN...**
- **...SERVICES SUCH AS REGULARLY-SCHEDULED CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGES AND COMPLIANCE CHECK-INS...**
- **... WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS, FEVER OR...**
- **...RESPIRATORY ILLNESS AT THE TIME OF YOUR CALL, SO DEPUTIES CAN TAKE PRECAUTIONS.**

### **INFORMATION:**

- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK, AND OUR WEBSITE, LASD.ORG.**
- **AS EVENTS OCCUR, INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR AGENCY WILL BE UPDATED ON THESE PLATFORMS.**

- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE PROTECTIVE MEASURE PRESCRIBED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**
- **REMAIN COMPOSED, STAY CONNECTED, WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS.**