

OCEANSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE
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CORE VALUES
Trust
Personal Responsibility
Quality Service
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Community Safety
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To Our Community,

On May 11, 2020, Sheriff Gore released a statement explaining the challenges facing law enforcement and the position we are in as it relates to the public health orders and the Governor's Stay at Home Order. Sheriff Gore did an excellent job explaining the different branches of government, how they work, and the role of law enforcement and their responsibilities. The Sheriff further described our responsibilities of enforcing the law in a fair, impartial and constitutional manner.

These are clearly unprecedented times that we are living in today and this pandemic has greatly impacted all of us. I am well aware that we have all not been impacted the same. A significant number of community members have lost their jobs and many businesses have been forced to close. Each of us have our own personal opinions as to the reasonableness of the restrictions that the County Health Orders places on each of us and the extent of mandated business closures.

As of May 13, 2020, our State had 71,082 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 2,882 deaths and more specifically for our County, 5,278 confirmed cases with 194 deaths. In regard to Oceanside, we have had 118 confirmed COVID-19 cases. It is likely that these numbers could be even higher given that there are limited tests available to confirm the number of actual cases in our City. With that being said, this pandemic should be of great concern to all of us and we must trust the knowledge of the experts guiding us through this.

I am very proud of the men and women of our police department and the dedicated service they continually provide to our community, especially during this pandemic. Our police department has consistently taken the position of educating both the residents and business community for any violations and have only issued citations when there is deliberate non-compliance by the parties involved. The department began tracking COVID related calls in March 15, 2020 and since that time, our department has responded to 854 COVID related calls for service and have only issued a total of three citations. My officers are doing a great job in gaining compliance through education, but more importantly our community is listening and understands the importance of working together to reduce the exposure to those in our City. It is important to note, that this approach is consistent not only with Sheriff Gore's statements, but all other Police Chiefs throughout our County.

Should you disagree with the Health Orders, your attention should be directed to the Governor and the County Health Officer, as those are the officials with authority to make changes. Until the Health Orders are changed, I ask our residents and business owners to please comply and listen to our officers as we continue to make progress towards re-opening our City in a safe and thoughtful manner.

Sincerely,



Frank S. McCoy
Chief of Police