



Thursday, April 9, 2020

Important news release from our Fire Chief

Continuity of Operations in Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

**“We will take care of our employees the best that we can while providing essential services to the community.”**

With the United States finding itself in the beginning stages of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, governmental agencies, as well as private industry are all taking steps to stop the transmission by limiting exposure. The MFFD will be no exception in this effort. As much as we are in this profession to help others, we will be implementing certain practices to limit our members from contracting the virus. We are an essential agency and cannot afford to lose percentages of our workforce. Therefore, we will reduce our services in the short term, to ensure our services will be available in the long run. These services are listed below, along with actions to help prevent the spread of any virus. This list is not meant to be all encompassing and may be modified when needed.

Changes in strategy:

- Access to the Fire Department facilities will be limited; however the public lobby at the administrative offices will remain accessible during normal business hours.
- In the event you require non-emergency fire service, you may be asked to be contacted via the phone in order to ascertain if an in-person response is required.
- All fire inspections performed by Fire Department personnel will be temporarily halted until further notice.
- All public-provided training or services provided by Fire Department personnel will be halted until further notice. Those include but are not limited to: CPR, fire extinguisher checks and the Citizen Fire Academy.
- Temporarily suspend tours and public speaking events, public education services and fire inspections performed by Fire Department personnel.
- Though greatly appreciated, we will not accept food donations.

In the event you have an emergency, do not hesitate to call 911 and the fire department will respond.

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