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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 in the midst 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 have implemented 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 have reduced 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 is 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.
- Fire inspections performed by Fire Department personnel were temporarily halted but have slowly started to resume.
- All public-provided training or services provided by Fire Department personnel is halted until further notice. Those include but are not limited to: CPR, fire extinguisher checks and the Citizen Fire Academy.
- Temporarily suspend tours, public speaking events and public education services.
- Though greatly appreciated, we will only accept food donations that are pre-packaged or from a commercial kitchen.

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

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