

A message to the community:

Due to the overreaching capabilities of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) and its ease of transmission, the Vineland Police Department has made several changes to our normal operating procedures. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience these changes may cause our community but it is essential for the community that we serve, as well as our officers to take every recommended precautionary measure possible to help mitigate the spread of the Corona Virus. We are asking for your assistance and thanking you in advance for your support in implementing these changes.

If you or a household member is displaying signs of respiratory illness or any symptoms related to the Corona Virus, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, please let our dispatcher know so our officers can respond to your home in the appropriate manner.

Our officers may request to speak with you outside of your residence to gather the required information so a complete and accurate report can be done. This request is mainly to protect you as our officers have contact with general public on a daily basis.

Officers have been instructed to follow the CDC recommended 6 feet distance when answering calls for service. This is a universal precautionary measure being recommended to the general public as well.

Minor non-emergency calls for service that are not in progress may be handled by phone rather than an officer responding to your home. An officer will contact you by phone to gather the required information to complete your report.

Please do not come to the police department if you do not have an emergency or you or a household member are ill. If you need to make a report, please call first so we can determine the best course of action to handle your call for service.

Please remember, these changes are for non-life threatening not in progress calls for service. The Vineland Police Department will still respond to all emergency in progress calls for service without delay.

These changes are as much for your protection as they are for the officers that serve your community. It is important that we minimize unnecessary contact with the public so we can ensure we have an appropriate amount of staffing to handle emergency situations that may arise. The vital component of maintaining peace and order in our community is one of the Vineland Police Departments core functions which we will continue to provide without fail.

The Vineland Police Department again thanks you for your understanding and assistance in implementing these changes during this crisis.

Acting Chief Pedro Casiano Jr.  
City of Vineland Police Department