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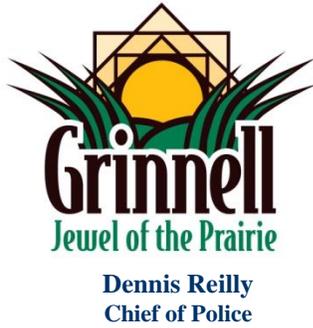
MEDIA RELEASE

RE: Police Department Operations – COVID-19

Despite the impact of COVID-19 on our community, members of the Grinnell Police Department remain ready to serve the public. Our current response continuum provides for alternative methods to call for service response. The continuum also calls for the Public Safety Building to remain closed to visitors until such time that Poweshiek County experiences no new cases of COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days.

In order to provide citizens with alternative methods of reporting minor incidents, the Grinnell Police Department is now accepting reports from the public for minor matters, and those not in progress, via an online reporting system that is associated with our records management system. Citizens may visit <https://grinnellpdia.policetocitizen.com/Home> and complete the online reporting form for matters such as: lost property; not in progress property crimes; parking and nuisance vehicle complaints. Based on the complaint, an officer would be assigned for follow up as appropriate. For matters where the reporting party is looking for immediate patrol response, a call to our non-emergency number (641-236-2670 Option 1), or 911 for emergencies, would be more appropriate than the online reporting. With the Public Safety Building closure, and parties often times coming to the building for reporting, the online reporting will hopefully serve as a viable alternative. Questions related to online reporting may be directed to either Sgt. Matt Moore at 641-236-2670 x3228, or Mrs. Wanda Simmons at 641-236-2670 x3226.

As always, the public should feel comfortable in calling the Police Department and requesting to speak with an officer. Because of the current COVID-19 environment, the officer may just choose to speak with the reporting party by a means other than in-person. Officers may also request to meet with reporting parties in the outdoors, providing for adequate social distancing.



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The Grinnell Police Department has also looked at alternative methods for parking citations to be satisfied. Because the Public Safety Building remains closed, dropping off payments is not an alternative. In addition to mailing the payment to the police department, in the citation envelope provided, cited individuals may now drop the payment off in the City of Grinnell utilities drop box, located to the north of the City Office building along 4th Avenue. The payment should be submitted in the citation envelope provided for proper tracking and disposition. Alternatively, persons may satisfy their parking citation online with the use of a credit card. Cited persons may go to <http://www.grinnelliowa.gov/406/Pay-Parking-Citation> and follow the instructions for the "Payment Service Network". Questions related to parking citations may be directed to Mrs. Jan Phelps at 641-236-2670 x3227.

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