



SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
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Police Responses during the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 Pandemic

As the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread throughout Eastern Pennsylvania, municipalities are working diligently to help stop the spread of the virus. In order to help do our part, the South Whitehall Township Police Department will be handling some police service responses slightly differently, when feasible.

If someone calls for a non-emergency police-related issue, the responding officer will first attempt to call you via telephone to determine if the call can be handled appropriately over the phone. If so, the officer will take all the pertinent information over the phone and complete a written report of the incident.

If the incident requires an officer to respond to meet with you in person, the officer *may* call you and ask you to step outside so the recommended distance of approximately 6 feet apart can be utilized to minimize exposure. Anyone who does not feel comfortable stepping outside can simply request the officer respond inside as normal.

All emergency calls will be handled appropriately and there will be no phone call prior to the response. Officers will respond as expeditiously as possible.

We take our responsibility to provide law enforcement services to our community seriously, and we take great pride with providing exceptional service. As this situation continues to evolve and more information becomes available, we will re-evaluate our responses and practices. I am confident that our community will get through this pandemic safely by working together. This is not a time to panic, but a time to work together to prevent the spread of this virus. Rest assured that the South Whitehall Township Police Department is here to help and will fulfill our duty to our community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Dorney".

Glen Dorney
Chief of Police