

## SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE:

## Police Department Service Modification During COVID-19 Pandemic

For immediate release:

3-17-2020 @ 1900 hours Lieutenant Stacie Gregory (415) 289-4170

Sausalito, CA – The Sausalito Police Department is committed to protecting the community. In consideration of the current and rapidly changing events surrounding the spread of COVID-19, we will be making some changes to ensure the safety of the public and our personnel. It is our goal to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and as a result, you will see a change in service delivery. We want everyone to know that public safety continues to be our top priority during this temporary change.

When the situation allows, instead of responding to your home or business, we will ask you to fill out a police report on-line (<a href="www.sausalito.gov/departments/police-department/report-a-crime">www.sausalito.gov/departments/police-department/report-a-crime</a>) or to speak with an officer over the phone.

Our Parking Services Office will be closed until further notice. For anything parking related please contact the parking office at <a href="mailto:parking@sausalito.gov">parking@sausalito.gov</a> or by phone at 415-289-4116. Other parking related information can be found on the police department's webpage (<a href="www.sausalito.gov/departments/police-department/parking">www.sausalito.gov/departments/police-department/parking</a>).

You will also notice our personnel practicing social distancing. We have postponed community events per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommendations.

It is the priority of the Sausalito Police Department to keep you and our community as safe as possible. For us to accomplish our mission we need a healthy workforce and have instructed our employees to stay at home if they are sick with the goal of preventing the passage of the virus to others.

This temporary modification in service is in no way intended to compromise the public's safety. We will continue to respond to all emergencies. We will continue to evaluate our response to calls on a daily basis to ensure the best and safest practices for delivering services.



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The Sausalito Police Department encourages everyone to join in our efforts to stop the spread of the COVID-19 and follow the recommendations put out by public health professionals.

Unfortunately the scammers are exploiting the outbreak to con businesses and consumers. Their strategy is to trick victims into clicking malicious links or opening malicious files. They may send a plea for donations (that don't go to the good guys), bogus emails or websites with bad "information" or links.

- Please keep your guard up when opening email or attachments, especially unsolicited email.
- Be suspicious of links on websites (or in emails) offering information, safety measures, etc.
- Remember that social media is a favorite method to spread bogus sites, misinformation and pleas for "donations".

To file an online police report, you can go to <a href="www.sausalito.gov/departments/police-department/report-a-crime">www.sausalito.gov/departments/police-department/report-a-crime</a>. You will still be able to report an emergency by using 9-1-1 or call 415-289-4170 for non-emergency issues.

For the most up to date information you can access the following websites:

- Sausalito Police Department website at <a href="www.sausalito.gov">www.sausalito.gov</a>
- City of Sausalito COVID-19 website at <a href="https://www.sausalito.gov/city-government/hot-topics/coronavirus-information">www.sausalito.gov/city-government/hot-topics/coronavirus-information</a>
- Marin County Health and Human Services website at <a href="www.marinhhs.org/public-health">www.marinhhs.org/public-health</a>
- California Department of Public Health website at <u>www.cdph.ca.gov</u>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <u>www.cdc.gov</u>