

# Alabaster

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## City of Alabaster Police Department

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### Emergency Operations Plan

As the situation has progressed with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Alabaster Police Department has developed an Emergency Operations Plan to address the virus impact within our community. As always, Alabaster Police will continue to serve and provide our citizens with the necessary public safety services. The purpose of the Emergency Operations Plan is to implement procedures that will help to limit the possibility of citizen or Alabaster Police employee exposure to the COVID-19 virus. This plan will in no way lessen our commitment to the safety of the citizens we serve.

Some of the steps we are taking include:

Limiting face to face contact in limited situations –

- For situations that do not pose an immediate threat to public safety or require the collection of evidence, officers will speak to citizens by phone and gather the necessary information needed to file a police report.
- Out of an abundance of caution, we will temporarily discontinue pre-employment fingerprinting.

Responses to Calls for Service:

- Officers will continue to respond, in person, to any and all emergency calls for service.
- If at all possible, callers will be asked to step outside of their business/residence to meet with the responding officer to allow for social distancing as recommended by the Centers For Disease Control.
- Dispatch will ask callers if they are experiencing any flu like symptoms or if they have recently traveled outside the country. Obtaining this information will help officers maximize the use of protective supplies and help us determine the appropriate response to best ensure the health and safety of all involved parties.

Disinfecting work areas:

Alabaster Police will be disinfecting all public and work areas inside the police building multiple times daily.

We encourage everyone to follow the recommendations by the Centers For Disease Control ( <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html> ) to help protect against the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Our Emergency Operations Plan will go into effect at 6am March 18, 2020.

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