

A Message from City of Santa Rosa Police Chief Rainer Navarro
March 18, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.



Hello, I am Rainer Navarro, Chief of Police with the City of Santa Rosa.

A shelter-in-place order is now in effect for Sonoma County, issued by the Sonoma County Public Health Officer. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to follow this order. By staying at home now, we can save lives in the weeks to come.

I am asking you for voluntary compliance in the interest of community health and safety. While a violation of the order is a misdemeanor, we would rather focus on priority calls for service. Remember you are doing this to protect your community. Your actions will make all the difference.

With the health order in place, a lot of things have changed temporarily in our community. We, the Police Department have also made temporary changes in order to protect the health and welfare of the community and staff.

The Santa Rosa Police Department will continue to respond to emergency calls for service and meet legal mandates. We are limiting face-to-face contact to emergency and urgent situations as necessary between our staff and the community we serve. If you call on us and we ask you to step outside your home or essential business to speak to our officers, please know it is for our collective safety.

Additionally, we are prioritizing emergency calls for service. This means we prioritize crimes against people over crimes impacting property. We continue to enforce traffic laws and will respond to collisions with injuries or fatalities, only.

Our station lobby is now closed, and we have expanded our online reporting options at srcity.org/reportacrime. Please call 211 with your questions about the coronavirus.

Always refer to srcity.org/PreventTheSpread for the latest information about this rapidly evolving situation.

Remember, stay home and limit your activities away from home to what is strictly essential.

Thank you for your patience, consideration and support during this difficult time.