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To the residents of East Donegal Township, Conoy Township and Marietta Borough,

As you are aware, the World Health Organization has designated the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic. Here in Pennsylvania we are seeing a rapidly changing situation and it is important for the Police Department to maintain open communication regarding our measures to ensure the safety of our residents, staff and community. Currently, the Governor is banning gatherings of 250 or more people and schools are now closed for at least 14 days. As of today, there are 63 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in the state; but none in our area.

Be assured that our agency is taking this pandemic seriously and we are committed to providing the best possible service to our communities. That being said, please allow me to also inform you of the measures we are taking to decrease the risk of infection.

First and foremost, the Susquehanna Regional Police Department is committed to our residents and our top priority is to keep our residents and Officers safe during this time. In following the advice of national and local health authorities, Officers have been issued personal protective equipment and they have been encouraged to practice social distancing when appropriate, encourage face to face encounters to occur outside of homes and also to handle calls via telephone when practical, unless the call requires physical presence by the Officer. **This determination will be made on a case by case basis and will never occur during an emergency.**

Additionally, Officers may elect to wear personal protective equipment (such as a face mask) which would merely be for precautionary measures and should not be interpreted as the presence of COVID-19. Also, please do not feel offended if our Officers elect not to shake hands at this time, as this is yet another precaution.

Our number one priority is safety—both yours and ours. While there are still unknown facts surrounding COVID-19 and the impact it may ultimately have on our community, please know that we are all on the same side in the fight to stay healthy.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Haugh".

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