



Policing in a Pandemic Environment

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Police Operational Challenges

- Service delivery
- Calls for service and screening
- Arrest /release procedures/court appearances
- PPE use by front-line members
- Enforcement of COVID-19 related legislation

Internal Operations Plan:

- Limit potential exposure to members
- Restrict public access to facility
- Risk assessment screening
- Restrict interaction with public/clients
- Development of exposure protocols
- Development of disinfection procedures
- Staffing/scheduling changes
- Work from home
- Internal/external communications

Calls for Service & Screening

- Reduced call volume (Temporary)
- Information calls on COVID-19
- Reduced operational tempo
- Reduction in pro-active enforcement
- Education vs Enforcement
- Maintain visibility (Public Confidence)

Arrest/Release

- Use of Appearance Notices/Summons vs Arrest and Incarceration
- Release vs Remand
- Warnings vs Summary Offence Tickets
- No in-person matters in Provincial courts
- In-custody cases processed through the J.P. Centre (Teleconferencing)
- Teleconferencing / Videoconferencing is sole means of Court Appearance
- Postponement/Rescheduling of Trial Dates (Jordan Implications)

PPE Use

- Contact with public – non-surgical mask
- Identified risk with public/client elicits graduated response (gloves, goggles, face shields, respirators)
- Sudden Death Scene - Full PPE (Hazmat suit, gloves, goggles, respirator)
- Work-space /Vehicle sanitization pre/post shift
- Continuous handwashing/sanitization
- Weekly PPE delivery from RCMP

Enforcement

- Nova Scotia Health Emergency Act (Provincial)
- The Emergency Management Act (Provincial)
- Quarantine Act (Federal)
- Education vs Enforcement
- Compliance Checks