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## TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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### **FERGUSON TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER TESTED POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS**

**State College, PA** – On Friday, April 3rd, Ferguson Township Police Chief Chris Albright notified the Ferguson Township Manager that a police officer tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The officer has been improving and is anticipated to make a full recovery.

The officer has been on leave for the past sixteen days, and will return to duty in accordance with the recommendation of his physician. At this time, there are no other confirmed cases in the Ferguson Township Police Department or other staff.

Since the onset of the pandemic, the Ferguson Township Police Department has engaged in social distancing and taken additional precautions to limit the exposure to the virus. The Township Manager and Chief of Police have implemented additional measures to ensure the safety of the other officers and the general public. These include:

- Separating officers with additional “social distancing” protocol when at the station and in between shifts;
- Monitoring the health and any symptoms of our police officers and any other staff reporting to the office;
- Outfitting our police officers with Personal Protective Equipment to be worn when interacting with the public and responding to calls;
- Continual routine and thorough sanitation and sterilization of the office building, patrol vehicles, and other equipment.

Ferguson Township and the other municipal and regional law enforcement agencies have comprehensive mutual aid agreements in place to provide assistance to other jurisdictions when in need. While we do not anticipate needing to call on additional resources for assistance in patrol and other police activities, it is reassuring that assistance is available if needed.

Questions regarding the protocol of the Ferguson Township Police Department in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic should be directed to Chris Albright, Chief of Police by phone at (814) 237-1172 or by email at [calbright@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:calbright@twp.ferguson.pa.us). Questions about other municipal operations and activities should be directed to Centrice Martin, Assistant to the Manager at (814) 238-4651 or by email at [cmartin@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:cmartin@twp.ferguson.pa.us).

Please join Ferguson Township Staff in wishing the officer and anyone else affected by this pandemic a speedy and complete recovery.