



City of Geneva Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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Possible Coronavirus Exposure/Case- ***UPDATE***

Update: The result from the COVID-19 test was negative and the police officer voluntary quarantines have ended.

We would like to thank the City of Geneva Police Officers and their families for being patient during this process, the Geneva community for your support, the Ontario County Sheriff's Office, the Ontario County Department of Public Health and the numerous other agencies/individuals who assisted and reached out to us over the past 2 days. Please keep in mind to continue to take extra precautionary measures including washing your hands frequently, avoiding (if possible) close contact with those that are sick, staying home and keeping children home if sick, covering your cough or sneeze and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

On March 12th, 2020 the Geneva Police Department was notified that an arrestee from our agency that was brought to the Ontario County Jail was presenting symptoms of the Coronavirus. The Ontario County Jail Medical staff tested the individual for both the Flu and RSV. Both those tests came back negative. At that point, Ontario County Public Health ordered the individual be tested for the Coronavirus. We are still awaiting the results from that testing. The individual has since been bailed out and is no longer in the custody of the Ontario County Jail. We will send further updates as they become available.

Currently, the Geneva Police Department has six members who are under self-quarantine due to having direct contact with the individual during his arrest. Myself, along with City Management have been in contact with our members to ensure they have what they need at this time. We do have credible information that individual was in several major cities across the country prior to returning to Geneva.

Precautionary measures have been taken at the Public Safety Building to seclude the areas in which the arrestee was in during his time here. The Public Safety Building remains open for normal business hours at this time.

Public health and safety are of utmost importance. Please take precautions to prevent the spread of this virus, which include staying home if feeling ill, washing hands frequently and notifying a First Responder if they are called to assist you of any illness for which you are currently being treated. The NYSDOH hotline for general questions about the Coronavirus is 1-888-364-3065. Additional resources are also available through <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

and <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/101/Public-Health>.

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