

## **City Council COVID-19 Update**

**April 14, 2020**

- First and foremost I would like to take this opportunity to thank the City Manager and all the Central Management staff for their hard work with our Emergency Operation center. We have a talented staff and strong leadership. This team has done an outstanding job during this pandemic. The team has also put the safety of the community and employees first. Many on this team have spent countless hours from their family to ensure that the city provides the essential services to the residents. Each person on the team plays different roles but they are doing a fantastic job.
- I also want to say thank the health care workers for the great job they are doing on the front lines. They are the true heroes that are working without the proper PPE equipment on a daily basis and are in the trenches providing medical care to Covid 19 patients.
- The Garden Grove Police Department has experienced a drop in overall crime throughout the city at 12%. Year to date we see a 7% increase in violent crime. When I break this down my interest was on a 40% increase in aggravated assault. In weeding this out I found a 17% increase in Domestic Violence and increased acts of violence at retail parking lots. We have addressed these issues by doing a Public Service Announcement on Domestic Violence and posting this to our social media site. Additionally, I have staged officers at our major grocery outlets to quell any violent acts and allow our community members to shop while feeling protected. Property Crime has dropped 17%.
- Covid 19 has had an effect on our community but our Police Officers are doing well. They are focusing on high visibility patrol and doing everything they can to protect the community. We have placed PPE kits in each patrol car that contains an N95 mask, goggles, gloves and hand sanitizer. These kits will be used on all death investigations and also when we encounter someone displaying symptoms of Covid 19.

For everyday use, we have issued out surgical masks to our officers. We have a limited supply and that is why you don't see officers wearing them at all times. We are waiting for our bulk order to be delivered by the end of this week. I must say that Tam Nguyen, the owner of Advanced Beauty College, Johnny Ngo, the president of Whale Spa, and Councilwoman Thu Ha Nguyen came through. Tam and Johnny donated much needed face masks and gloves while Councilwoman Thu Ha Nguyen donated hand sanitizer and gloves. The hand sanitizer was donated by Anne Oliver, the owner of House of M.

- I would remind our community to take all the necessary precautions to keep yourself and your family safe. Stay home as much as you can, use social distancing, wash your hands often, cover your cough or wear a face covering, and if you are sick get treatment. Treatment early on is the key.
  
- The Police Department currently does not have all our PPE equipment but will have our inventory full by the end of this week.
- ✓ We ordered 1,300 boxes of gloves, we have 200 boxes in stock so we are good for now.
- ✓ We received 200 goggles from Central Stores initially and we backed it up with another 200 goggle order to replace if needed and to keep a back stock in case of a reoccurrence. These are hard plastic so they can be decontaminated and reused.
- ✓ We ordered 13,000 surgical masks, 2,000 came in and we distributed them to our officers. 11,000 should come in by the end of week or early next week. These will be distributed as follows: 2,000 for Community Services and 1000 for Public Works, remaining 8000 for the Police Department.
- ✓ We had an amount of N95 masks on hand (over 1 year expired). We then received approximately 400 new N95 masks from Central stores, which we used to replace the expired masks (some of which were failing), we then ordered 2000 new N95 masks, 1500 for PD and 500 for Public Works.
- ✓ The expired N95 masks were given to Garden Grove Hospital for their front line health care workers.

- Regarding our homeless individuals in the city. We continue to provide a great service and gather any resources they need. We have found that the trend continues of not wanting any housing. We have focused on public safety regarding encampments. We are continuing to work with City Net and other nonprofit groups to provide resources to the homeless.
- The County of orange has contracted with the Alo hotel in Orange by UCI. Additionally, the county is looking at contracting with another hotel in south Orange County and possibly one in central Orange County. These hotels will not be used to just house homeless. They will be restricted to homeless individuals that need to be quarantined due to testing positive for Covid 19.