

Rio Arriba Sheriff's Office



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James D. Lujan, Sheriff

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Rio Arriba, NM, March 16, 2020 Rio Arriba Sheriff James D. Lujan has instituted procedures at the Sheriff's Office to safely minimize the possible COVID-19 exposure for all deputies as well as the public in the county and citizens passing through.

The Rio Arriba Sheriff's office understands and relates to the stressful period for our community and citizens. While our agency responds to incidents regarding any public safety situation, we will be taking precautionary measures to reduce any unnecessary exposure to COVID-19.

The Rio Arriba Sheriff's Office will always provide services to the public and we will at this time remain open. The deputies will continue proudly to work to serve and protect the public during this outbreak. Although in an effort to provide the best services some social distances and various measures have been initiated by Sheriff James D. Lujan and his command staff. Deputy Sheriffs have been reminded to exercise caution during this public health emergency and have been provided protective gear to handle calls for service and a special team has been organized to respond if required.

The method to respond to calls for service at this time, during this public health emergency is as follows;

- Minor motor vehicle crashes, thefts, burglaries after the fact, and vandalism with no second driver or suspect information, please call (505) 753-3320 and leave a call back number a deputy will reach you for the information and handle the call.
- Deputies will not be physically dispatched to this location to take a report for these type of incidents, the call will be handled either way.
- Deputies will physically respond to serious in nature emergency 911 calls.
- The protocol will be in effect until further notice.

The Rio Arriba sheriff's animal services officers will also be under this method of calls for service, they will not impound animals unless it has physically attacked or injured a person or another animal. If a report needs to be generated and if possible it will be done over the telephone at the Rio Arriba Sheriff's office either in Tierra Amarilla or Espanola, each call will be handled on a case by case basis or otherwise directed by a commander on duty.

Rest assured that our Sheriff's office will and always continue to do our best effort with integrity, professionalism and in the public best interest to provide the best public safety to our communities and citizens in and around Rio Arriba county. We do realize that the situation is changing at a rapid pace and with that in mind we will post updates as they develop on our Facebook page and the county web site, everyone please be safe and courteous.