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Talbot County Sheriff's Office **Stay At Home Order Enforcement**

The Talbot County Sheriff's Office continues their public education and enforcement efforts regarding the Governor's Executive Orders and the Stay-At-Home order. The education and enforcement efforts within Talbot County will be as follows:

The Talbot County Sheriff's Office continues to conduct enforcement of the expanded Governor's Executive Order. However, the Talbot County Sheriff's Office will not make traffic stops simply to ask drivers where they are going to determine if their travel is essential or not, the law does not permit random traffic stops.

If in the course of the regular performance of his/her duties, such as during a crash investigation or a traffic stop, the deputy develops information indicating the individual was engaged in non-essential travel, enforcement action can be taken, in consultation with the Talbot County State's Attorney's office.

While it is not necessary for drivers in Maryland to have documentation about the purpose of travel, having such documentation may help resolve questions.

Talbot County Sheriff's deputies will continue to initiate enforcement action when a business or group of more than 10 people is observed in violation of the Governor's Executive Order.

The Order does not prohibit people from going to the store to get groceries or prescriptions, seeking medical attention at an urgent care facility, getting cleaning or laundry supplies. In addition, the Order does not prevent people from going out to get necessities for pets or other livestock.

The Order allows for travel to care for a family member, friend, pets, etc. Citizens are also permitted to travel for transporting family, friends, pet or livestock for essential health and safety activities.

The Order also allows for travel to and from an educational institution to receive meals or instructional materials for distance learning.

The Order allows for outdoor exercise activities (done in accordance with social distancing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and crowd gatherings of 10 people or less. However, such activities may not be done at a park that has been closed by state or local government.

Restaurants can be visited if obtaining food for carryout or drive-thru only.

A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both (upon guilty conviction).

For questions, please feel free to contact us on our non-emergency line 410-822-1020.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.