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In an attempt to protect our citizens and our personnel amid the COVID-19 crisis, the Walterboro Police Department and Colleton County Sheriff's Office will be moving into the third tier of modified operations. This change is in continued support of the emergency declarations from both President Trump and Governor McMaster and based on collaborative recommendations from all Essential Support personnel with the Colleton County Fire Rescue Emergency Management.

Until further notice, officers and deputies will be responding to complaints of non-emergency incidents that have occurred in the past with a telephone call to the complainant. Incident reports will still be written and follow-up investigations, where necessary, will still occur. Examples of calls that are likely to receive a phone call response are thefts or vandalisms that have already occurred.

The Walterboro Police Department and the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center will be closed to in-person lobby services until further notice.

The Walterboro Police Department and the Colleton County Sheriff's Office will continue to ensure the safety of our citizens and our community. This alternative plan will in no way inhibit proactive patrolling and rapid response to emergency situations.

The procedure for citizens remains unchanged. Always call 911 if there is an emergency. If it is a non-emergency, please call the Colleton County Dispatch Center as 843-549-2211.