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Presidential Newsletter March 23, 2020 COVID-19 Update

Everyone is aware of the serious concern the COVID-19 pandemic presents and the serious concern across all facets of life.

PANJ is very concerned for all of our members' safety and have been in constant contact with the Judiciary through almost daily conference calls with Union Officials and other communication regarding specific instances that arise, as this situation is very fluid.

Every member of PANJ is designated as Business Continuity; this means that these are the employees whose duties and responsibilities are essential to the public health, safety or welfare in situations as they arise requiring continuation of certain operations. The need for these employees may vary based on the length and nature of the interruption. Needless to say, we have not encountered anything like this previously. Certain caseloads have been identified as essential under this designation.

PANJ has been advocating for safe operations from the beginning of this crisis. Supervision guidelines were issued on March 22, 2020. These safety precautions are designed to minimize the risks associated with COVID 19, while maintaining the critical functions that are essential to public safety.

Be alert and report any suspected exposure to the COVID -19 virus to your supervisors or managers. Be alert and practice appropriate hygiene and refer to the CDC Guidelines-<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

We will address situations as they arise. You are our eyes and ears on the ground. Bring your concerns to our attention.

Together we will get through this. I am extremely proud of your professionalism and service to the citizens of our State.

In Solidarity

Dwight Covalleskie, President