

## EGG HARBOR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **EHC Volunteer Fire Department COVID-19 Information**

Dear Egg Harbor City Residents,

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department will be making some changes to our response to emergency calls. If you need to make an emergency call, we ask that you let the emergency dispatcher know if you or any individual at your residence has tested positive for COVID-19, has any symptoms of upper respiratory infection such as fever, cough, and/or sore throat, or has been exposed to someone under investigation for COVID-19. We will continue to respond to all calls, but for any non-life threatening emergencies such as an activated fire alarm or activated smoke detector in a residence, limited personnel will be responding. We will be conducting interviews with residents outside of their homes, and will only enter a home if deemed necessary by the commanding officer on scene. If deemed necessary, limited personnel will be going inside a residence, and will be dressed in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to limit any potential exposure to our firefighters. This does not mean there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at that particular residence; it is our way to limit exposure to both our volunteer firefighters and the residents. Once we exit the residence we will immediately decontaminate our gear onsite. We are doing these precautionary measures to protect both our firefighters and the residents where we may be called to respond to an emergency.

It is our goal to keep our volunteer members safe so we can continue to respond to all emergency calls in our city in order to keep the citizens of Egg Harbor City safe. Our volunteer department will continue to protect our community, and are taking extra precautions to maintain the health and well-being of both our members and the residents who may need us during an emergency.