

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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POLICE SERVICES UPDATE

Police Services

The Middlebury Police Department is staffed and operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Dispatchers are on duty at the police station from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. Monday- Saturday. At other times dispatch is provided by the Department of Public Safety in Westminster. The lobby of the police station is open 24 hours a day. After 11 p.m, and on Sundays dispatch can be reached by use of the auto-dialed phone in the station lobby just inside the door. We recommend using your cell phone after hours if possible, as we have no process in place to constantly disinfect the telephone receiver in the lobby. In any case, the police call line, 388-3191, will be answered 24 hours a day. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

In an effort to reduce non-essential contacts, some services are suspended. Dispatchers will no longer issue Fire Department burn permits for the remaining few weeks of open burning season; VIN verifications are likewise suspended. For non-emergency calls for service, officers may request that you meet them outside the call location or take the information via telephone. The department will continue to provide first response on all emergency calls 24 hours a day.

We are committed to providing uninterrupted services while at the same time working to keep officers and dispatchers healthy so that service can continue. Our inventory of Personal Protective Equipment is limited, we've been informed by the VT Department of Health that Police will not be receiving any, supplies are understandably reserved for health care workers. Therefore we are adjusting our operations to make the best effort with what we have.

Security and Deterrent Patrols

At a time when many businesses and institutions have closed or have limited hours, we are focusing our efforts on increased presence for security and deterrent purposes. While we don't provide dedicated security to any one entity, it would be helpful if you would file a "Business Sheet" with us if you haven't already done so. If you have in the past it would be helpful to update it. If we discover a problem this allows us contact information as well as to be aware of any nuances that could come to the attention of an officer. [Businesses sheets](#) can be found at the Middlebury Police website. If you are vacating your home, we likewise have vacant home forms that will allow us to contact you should we discover a problem. [Vacant home/business checks](#) can be downloaded from the website. These can be scanned and emailed to bcarter@middleburypolice.org or mailed to the department at 1 Lucius Shaw Lane, Middlebury 05753.

Bulletins and Updates

As the current contagion progresses, we will continue to post bulletins and notices on a variety of issues on [COVID-19 Resources](#) page the Town of Middlebury website.