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The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Columbus Division of Police are working together to enforce the Ohio Department of Health's "Stay at Home" Order. We encourage the public to do its part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by following the state's order.

- Deputies and officers will not be stopping motorists for the sole purpose of determining compliance with the stay at home order.
- If law enforcement responds to reports of groups of people congregating, or to a report of a business operating outside the confines of the order, they will use discretion to educate people they come into contact with about the importance of complying with the order.
- Each incident will be handled on a case by case basis, and law enforcement remains in close consultation with prosecutors and public health officials if a person refuses to comply with an order to disperse.

We know the public has many questions regarding these difficult times and we would like to answer as many questions as we can. Sheriff Baldwin and Chief Quinlan will work together to provide as much information as possible.

We ask if you are interested, please submit questions regarding the "Stay at Home" order as it relates to enforcement. Sheriff Baldwin and Chief Quinlan will disseminate information and provide as much information as possible regarding the "Stay at Home" order and our enforcement plan.

Because we continue to follow safe practices with social distancing, we will record the answers on camera to the questions remotely on Wednesday, March 25th. There will be a link provided to the questions/responses immediately after production is complete (by the end of the day on the 25th).

Questions for Sheriff Baldwin and Chief Quinlan can be submitted via email to:
jfuqua@columbuspolice.org OR marcgofstein@franklincountyohio.gov

It is our shared goal to keep the community safe and healthy.