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Dear Fellow Dix Hills Resident:

The Dix Hills Fire Department and its volunteers continue to closely monitor the latest information regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak and wanted to share information to better protect you, your family and our First Responders.

We encourage all residents who are experiencing symptoms of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 to follow the CDC guidelines. Unless you are in severe distress, it is recommended that you stay home and self-quarantine. If you must go to the hospital and are able to travel by automobile, please do so. In addition, transportation by ambulance will NOT get you seen by hospital personnel faster.

If you are already quarantined (mandatory or self-imposed) in your home due to possible or confirmed Coronavirus/COVID-19 exposure, please notify the 911 dispatcher when and if you do need to call. In that case, we also ask that you place a sign/note on your door alerting our first responders to take additional precautions.

If you see an ambulance or fire truck in your neighborhood, we ask that you please refrain from coming out of your home and approaching them. This is for your Safety in order to minimize the potential transfer of the virus.

We are taking these actions in order to protect our crews so that they can continue to meet the emergency needs of our community. If our First Responders are unnecessarily or accidentally exposed, they will have to be quarantined. If this were to happen, that responder would no longer be available to serve the community.

In the event that we must respond to assist you, our members will be wearing protective equipment and practice social distancing while surveying your status from 6 feet away prior to patient treatment. In

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addition, surgical mask will be placed on you for further protection. If you are in possession of a surgical mask for some reason, please wear them before the crew comes to your door.

The men and women of our department will continue to do what they have always done, leave their families and VOLUNTEER to serve our community. They go home to their families after every call, as well. Please help us assist you by abiding by the guidelines that are being provided by Federal, State and local government. If we all work together, we will get through this stronger than ever before.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please stay healthy.

Stay Dix Hills Strong,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan B. Berkowitz', written in a cursive style.

Alan B. Berkowitz
Chief of Department