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Dear Business Partners:

As we continue to navigate this difficult and unprecedented time, I want to assure you that the Portland Police Bureau's leadership team understands and sympathizes with how this pandemic has impacted you, your business and your employees.

We also are seeing the public safety effects of temporarily closed businesses, as we have seen an uptick in commercial burglaries. We have made some operational changes accordingly, such as reassigning officers so they may conduct enhanced patrols, responding to all alarm calls and conducting follow-up on potential leads, such as gathering video of the perpetrators. Additionally, we are arresting more burglary suspects compared to last year at the same time.

We want you to be aware of this shift in crime patterns from residential to commercial burglaries and to provide you some ideas for how to prevent a burglary at your business. For a list of preventative tips, visit: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/757296>

We want to encourage all business owners to report vandalism or burglaries so PPB can accurately analyze trends and statistics, and allocate our resources accordingly. Call the non-emergency line at (503) 823-3333 or report online at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/>

Our Strategic Communications Unit continues to research crime trends and critical information and as we become aware of new trends, we are proactively messaging via press releases, media opportunities, and social media. Please consider following @PortlandPolice on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram and sign up for our news releases on flashalertnewswire.net.

Thank you for your continued support of the Portland Police Bureau. We have heard from many community members and business owners during this time and we appreciate all of the kindness, donations and words of thanks. I truly believe in the strength of our city and our ability to rise to these challenges and get through this time together.

Sincerely,

JAMI RESCH
Chief of Police

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