The following is an analysis of trends seen in calls for service following Governor Kate Brown’s order to close K-12 schools on March 12th.

The time periods used in the call analysis are listed below, unless otherwise noted:

- Dates following school closure order: March 12, 2020 – April 29, 2020
- Dates prior to school closure order: January 23, 2020 – March 11, 2020
- Same period, prior year: March 12, 2019 – April 29, 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS: Please refer to the supplemental reports for analysis on traffic enforcement and crashes, shootings, domestic violence, and burglary.

PRIOR TOPICS: Calls related to suicide were at increased levels initially following March 12th. However, they have remained at average or below average levels for the last five weeks.

CALLS FOR SERVICE: Calls for service initially decreased following the school closure order, but have trended back up toward normal levels in the past several weeks. Dispatched calls decreased in the past week mainly due to fewer civil problem and area/premise check calls. The return to more normal call volumes suggest the stay at home order is not being adhered to as closely as it was in prior weeks.

CIVIL – CIVIL PROBLEM: On average, PPB is responding to 10 more calls/day than prior to the school closure and 11 more calls/day during the same time period last year.

- **Context:** Reviewing the remarks from these calls has revealed that the increase is likely being fueled by calls reporting individuals who are disobeying the executive orders requiring social distancing and closure of non-essential businesses (e.g. people in parks, businesses remaining open, people having parties, etc.). Civil problem calls decreased last week, but remain at higher than usual levels.

Normally, this call type is used as a catch-all for domestic issues (family-related, roommate issues) as well as call types not otherwise categorized.
BURGLARY: On average, there have been about 2 more calls/day compared to 2019 and 2 more calls/day compared to the weeks prior. There has been a slight decreasing trend in burglary calls over the last four weeks, but calls remain above average when compared to the last 12 weeks.

DISTURBANCE: On average, there have been 9 more calls/day compared to last year and 12 more calls/day compared to the weeks prior. Compared to the most recent 12 week period, disturbance calls have remained above average for the last few weeks.

WELFARE CHECK, UNWANTED PERSON, and SUSPICIOUS: These call types all initially declined following the school closure order but have seen a recent increases to normal or above normal levels.

TREND TO WATCH: Vandalism: Last week PPB responded to an average of 17 vandalism calls a day, about a 25% or 3 call per day increase over the last 12 week average. Prior to that, vandalism calls had been within the normal range. There has also been about a 3 offense per day increase in reported vandalism post March 12th when compared to prior weeks. This is an area to keep an eye on over the next few weeks to see if this is a true increase or just an anomaly.