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Public Service Announcement

The Tohono O'odham Police Department (TOPD) will enforce the Executive Order 2020-03 "Enforcement: A. and B." on individuals who are not abiding by the stay at home order and/or curfew violation.

TOPD Officers will safely contact tribal members who are suspected to be in violation of provisions A and B; specifically individuals who are not abiding by the stay at home order while in a public place.

- Officers will verbally notify individual(s) that they are in violation of Executive Order 2020-03 and instruct them to return to their place of residence.
- Should Officer(s) have to re-contact individual(s) who continuously violate Executive Order 2020-03, violators could be charged with:
 - Chapter 2 Section 2.9 A., Interfering with a Police Officer
 - Chapter 3 Section 3.1 A. Public Nuisance
 - Chapter 3 Section 3.2 A. Unlawful Assembly (if 10 or more persons are gathered)

In cases where minors in violation of this Executive Order are encountered by Law Enforcement, parents may be cited per Title 3 – Children, Chapter 4 – Juvenile Curfew", Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, Ordinance No. 96-001

Officers shall utilize discretion when deciding to issue criminal complaints/citations to the legal guardians of minors, (under the age of eighteen years) found to be in violation of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

TOPD will continue to respond to calls for service and under certain circumstances, due to the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines, may not make physical contact with parties if the call does not require an officer make contact and the call could be satisfied by other means.

If physical contact is required with persons who display flu like symptoms, TOPD Officers will determine which Personal Protective Equipment will be utilized in accordance with national recommendations for law enforcement.

Depending on the seriousness of the criminal violation (domestic violence, assault, aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a minor, etc.), offender(s) will be taken into custody and will be medically cleared by a Physician at Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care prior to being booked into the Tohono O'odham Corrections Center. (Proper medical clearance is a standard policy required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Corrections Division).

Collaboration between the Corrections Center and the Tohono O'odham Nation Prosecutors Office will continue to ensure that cases are charged appropriately.