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CITY OF KEARNEY **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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COVID – 19 (Novel Coronavirus) Law Enforcement Center Access

With the recent global pandemic declaration by the World Health Organization and the President of the United States involving the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), the Kearney Police Department and Buffalo County Sheriff's Department intend to take realistic, responsible steps to ensure our continued ability to provide Police Service for the City of Kearney and Buffalo County. Public safety and the safety of our staff are our number one priority. I have consulted City Manager Mike Morgan, BCSO Sheriff Neil Miller, and reviewed information provided by Two Rivers Public Health and have directed the following steps be implemented to ensure continuity of operations during this crisis. Additional internal measures are being implemented as well to ensure our staff remain available for public safety needs. Effective Friday March 13, 2020 at 5 p.m.

1. Public access to secure and select non-secure areas of the Law Enforcement Center are suspended.
2. All outside activities typically held at the LEC to include meetings, training, Citizens Police Academy etc. are suspended until further notice.
3. LEC lobby hours will be restricted to 0800 – Noon, Monday thru Friday until further notice.
4. Police Officers are authorized to use telephone reporting for service calls that do not require an immediate police response.
5. The Police Ride Along Program is suspended until further notice.
6. Police attendance at recruitment job fairs is suspended until further notice. Attendance at community events, other than to provide police service or security, will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

There will be no delay or disruption for any emergency calls for service and our front lobby will remain open for business as needed, with adjusted hours as listed. Our goal is to maintain the level of service Kearney residents expect as we work through the impact of COVID-19. We will monitor this crisis closely along with our local, state, and federal public health partners and Emergency Management. We appreciate your patience as we look forward to restoring normal operations as soon as possible.

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