



## PHOENIX LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

*The Professional Association of Phoenix Police Officers Since 1975*

Mayor Kate Gallego  
Phoenix City Hall  
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Phoenix, AZ 85003

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Mayor Gallego,

The Phoenix Law Enforcement Association is committed to protecting our officers who serve on the front lines of many emergency situations. Our men and women in uniform understand their role in ensuring public safety during times of uncertainty. The COVID-19 spread within our community and across the nation is one we are seriously monitoring, but we must take measured steps to ensure the safety of those who are putting their health and well-being at risk.

As the council considers the State of Emergency Declaration for the City of Phoenix in response to COVID-19, I urge you to keep law enforcement top of mind as these individuals will experience increased workloads and potentially be exposed to residents with COVID-19.

First and foremost, law enforcement must have access to supplies that will minimize the risk to exposure. This includes masks, sanitizing wipes and other protective gear that will help prevent a reduction in workforce due to illness. Secondly, there is zero information about the increased workload for law enforcement in carrying to new orders in the State of Emergency. This information is critical to ensure our officers have a clear understanding of the new guidelines and how it will impact day-to-day operations.

We would also like additional information about the research, data and decision-making involved in declaring the state of emergency and specific details about the impact to law enforcement that we can share with our members.

These are unprecedented times and our association is focused on ensuring our officers have the necessary resources, protective gear, guidance, and information to protect public safety.

Sincerely,

Michael "Britt" London  
President  
Phoenix Law Enforcement Association



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