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From the Fire House Chief Ray Briggs;

We continue to re updates on COVID-19 from virtually all media outlets as well as conversations we may have with family and friends. I remain cautiously optimistic, our days remain filled with constant updates highlighting positive cases and quarantines. We participate in a daily conference calls with stakeholders ranging from Department of Health to all first responder agencies including our local hospitals. Our current status remains stable, we continue to assess our processes and make changes that will ultimately increase the safety of our personnel while providing essential care to our residents. I remain encouraged as I communicate with our local hospitals and nursing facilities they remain stable and are utilizing best practices as well. The community as a whole is doing well, residents continue to practice social distancing and encourage each other to make healthy decisions.

It is my recommendation that while we all continue to practice social distancing with very focused personal hygiene and good personal protective measures and we continue to prepare for what news the coming days will bring, we should all take a moment to enjoy some quiet time at home, perhaps outside enjoying our wonderful weather.