



City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Police Officers Association

PRESS RELEASE

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Carmel Police Officers Association To Support Local Restaurants Through 'To-Go' Meal Initiative for CPD

As uncertainty abounds, the members of the Carmel Police Officers Association are steadfast in their dedication to ensuring the continuous safety and wellness of our village. Our 911 dispatchers, Community Service Officers and Police Officers are working 24 hours a day to exemplify "Community Service with Pride".

We recognize that the current COVID-19 global pandemic is severely limiting Carmel's typical commercial activity and impacting, by way of health order or circumstances, the ability for local businesses to remain in operation. To that end, keeping our local economy and business community going will take effort from all of us that are fortunate enough to be a part of it.

The CPOA is committed to doing our part to help support our business community in their time of need, as they do while providing goods and services - day in and day out - to both residents and visitors alike. In line with that commitment, we want to act upon our value of community stewardship and help provide some relief to our local restaurants that remain open by utilizing them for meals (to-go only, of course).

Beginning Saturday, March 21, CPOA will be purchasing to-go meals for all of our members during their shifts, with the intent of providing both necessary transactions to help support our local economy and to ensure that our on-duty members have a fresh, local meal as they serve the needs of our wonderful community members during a challenging time in our history. If you are able to, I encourage you to join us in becoming loyal customers during this time. Gift cards for your favorite spots to be used later also work well!

As so many often say, "It takes a Village". For the CPOA, it truly does take a Village – all of you – to afford us the noble opportunity to be in a position of service to this community. We thank you for that opportunity and look now, more than ever, to show our unity and resilience as we come together to navigate this emergency and overcome the obstacles that it may create for our fellow community members and institutions.

Be patient, be well, and stay healthy.

Joe Martis
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Carmel Police Officers' Association

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