

# THE INVISIBLE THREAT

## TIMES HAVE CHANGED

### Steps Taken by the Leon Valley Fire Department that Keep the Community Safe:

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, and the world continues to change, it should come as no surprise that first responders must adapt to it. The information below explains what to expect when Leon Valley Firefighters and Paramedics arrive and the different steps they have to take to protect the citizens they serve, their crew, and their families at home from a potential COVID-19 infection.

#### **STEP 1 -Temperature Checks:**

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Firefighters must check their temperature at the beginning of their shift and every 12 hours while on shift.

#### **STEP 2 -Staying Informed:**

Each firefighter must frequently check for any up-to-date safety messaging on the current status of resources and protocols passed along from the previous shift and health officials.



**Communication is key!**

#### **STEP 3 -Disinfect:**

Every fire truck and ambulance are disinfected daily. Especially, after responding to COVID calls.



#### **STEP 4 -DO NOT ENTER:**

All non-essential personnel have restricted entry into the fire station. This helps reduce the possible spread of infectious diseases to essential employees.

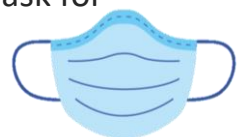
#### **STEP 5 -Before They Enter:**

When responding to calls, a single Paramedic will approach you alone to assess the situation, before the entire crew is permitted to assist. This helps them determine what type of Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) is needed for the event. This also helps conserve the levels of PPE available to essential personnel. Additionally, firefighters are also on standby as a safety measure and to assist if needed.



#### **STEP 6 -Masks:**

While responding to your emergency, a firefighter or Paramedic will ask you and other members of the household to wear a mask for everyone's protection.



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