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Dear Maryland State Police Retiree:

When I became Superintendent, I never imagined my first communication to Maryland State Police retirees would be about a worldwide pandemic, but it is. I recently mentioned in a message to active duty employees that although we were trained to expect the unexpected, we truly are experiencing a new reality.

Regardless of these new challenges, please know our troopers and civilian employees are adapting and fulfilling their missions with the same commitment and dedication to duty the Maryland State Police is known for. They are an important component of Governor Larry Hogan's statewide response and prevention efforts. The members of the Maryland State Police are continuing to perpetuate the reputation for providing outstanding law enforcement services that you helped create during your active duty service.

My most important priority right now is for the safety of our troopers, civilian employees and their families. Please know that this priority includes you, as a Maryland State Police retiree who will always be a part of our family.

We are at our best during times of crisis and our best includes supporting each other. I want you to know that Maryland State Police retirees are not forgotten during this pandemic and resulting state of emergency.

If you need assistance of any kind, please do not hesitate to call upon your Maryland State Police family for help. This includes what used to be routine tasks like picking up groceries, medications, household supplies, or anything else you need and are unable to obtain. I also extend our offer of help to cover household emergencies, if you need supplies or assistance, or other issues that were not a challenge before this crisis, but are now.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for help. You can contact the barrack nearest you to initiate a prompt response from your Maryland State Police family. I have asked each of our barrack commanders to direct their duty officers to be alert for your calls. You can find the phone number for the barrack in your area on our website at: <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/FieldOperationsBureau/allbarracks.aspx>

Obviously, this assistance is most effective for retirees in Maryland and I know some of you are living out of state. Regardless of where you are living, if there is a way we can provide you with assistance, we will do all we can to help you.

Thank you for your service with the Maryland State Police and for your ongoing support of those of us who continue to build upon your legacy. I look forward to being with you at a point in the future when this dark time will be a distant memory. Please stay safe and take care of yourself and your family.

Sincerely,

Woodrow W. Jones III
Superintendent

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