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The Fire Safety Office has been working closely with the Emergency Medical Services Division and the Disaster Preparedness Division through this event. We want the leaders of our Erie County agencies to be informed and take proper precautions to protect their membership so they can continue to provide service to their response areas and communities. We have some guidelines that fire departments can take into consideration while determining what their best practices should be. The following should be considered immediately:

- Limit the amount of personnel permitted onto the apparatus to four firefighters
- Regularly scheduled drills and meetings should be suspended or postponed
- All Fire Stations should begin limiting their social activities immediately (this includes social rooms, banquet halls, day rooms and any other gathering locations)
- All fitness room activities should be suspended
- Prepare PPE for quick access during response
- Routine reminders of new operational guidelines to be sent out regularly
- SCBA masks should be cleaned thoroughly after use
- Rely on dispatch information for additional considerations while responding to incidents
- Any supplies that you cannot acquire through normal means, please contact your local Emergency manager

As always, we want you to look to us for guidance and as a resource to help you through this event. This event will change rapidly and we will continue to work together and stay in contact. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office for any questions or concerns.

Thank you all and be safe....
Chris FC-1