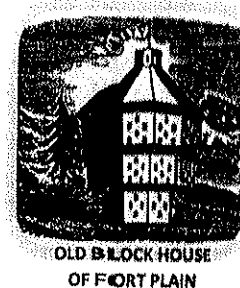


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Notice to Village of Fort Plain Residents

From the office of Mayor Mark Nearbin

On behalf of Mayor Nearbin and the Village Board, the following information is shared with the public in the interest of informing and educating our taxpayers.

Managing and operating a full-service law enforcement agency can be a difficult task. The hiring requirements, the training requirements, and the financial constraints of a village, all add to the complexity of operations during these difficult times.

The past few months, there have been times that the Fort Plain Police Department was unable to be staffed. During those times, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office covered the village. At no time did the village residents go without law enforcement coverage. We want to make the public aware of this situation since it is possible that such coverage may need to continue from time to time in the future.

It is important for the public to know that nothing has changed as far as how to contact law enforcement. For non-emergency calls, you should call 518-993-3781. If a Fort Plain Police Officer is not on duty, an Officer/Deputy will be dispatched to investigate the complaint from a different agency. It may take a bit longer for the Officer/Deputy to arrive depending on his/her location and their involvement with other law enforcement calls. Currently, the Montgomery County Sheriff's office staffs its patrols with a Deputy in the vicinity of the village and with anticipation to provide backup and support. The Sheriff does not anticipate the village experiencing any drastic change in service when called upon.

For any emergencies, continue to Dial 911. You will get the closest law enforcement unit available; if the Fort Plain Police Department has coverage, it will almost always be them, if not, it may be a member of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police, the Canajoharie Police, or the St. Johnsville Police.

It is the hope of everyone that these adjustments are temporary and short term. However; until finances improve, trainings are completed and more applicants can be hired, the residents of the Village of Fort Plain will continue to have Law Enforcement coverage, it just may be provided by a different agency and the response times may be slightly different.