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City of Crystal Business Community,

The Crystal Police Department is in the process of preparing for the upcoming trial of former Minneapolis Officer Derek Chauvin. As you may know, jury selection is scheduled to begin on March 8, 2021 with opening arguments scheduled to begin on March 29, 2021. Although it is unknown at this time, we are estimating a verdict to be reached by late April or early May.

Our goals are to ensure the safety of those who live, work, worship, and travel through our community on a daily basis, and to also protect property through the prevention of property damage and looting. In order for us to meet that goal, the department has taken several steps which are listed below:

- Eliminating time off and increased minimum staffing in order to increase officer presence within our community
- Additional training relating to public assembly
- Mutual aid agreements with other agencies to ensure additional resources if needed

Furthermore, we want to work with our business community to offer some additional crime prevention tips that may assist you and your business in the event of possibly looting or unlawful assembly.

- Evaluate the need to board up any storefront windows and doors
- Make sure that any camera systems you may have are fully operational
- Make sure all lighting systems in and around your property are working properly
- Evaluate the need for modified business hours as necessary
- During closing hours, have employees leave the business together, not alone

At this time, we have received no information to suggest that any targeted looting is likely to occur in the City of Crystal. As always, we encourage our businesses to be vigilant and call 911 about anything suspicious. You may also monitor updates by going to the city's website or by following us on social media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie K. Revering'.

Stephanie K. Revering
Chief of Police