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Public Safety Agencies Partner to Support Vaccination Clinics *Working Together to Serve Frederick's Citizens*

FREDERICK, Md. (Feb. 9, 2021) – Legendary NBA coach Phil Jackson once said “The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” Recently the “team” of the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office (FSCO), Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS), and the Frederick Police Department (FPD) partnered with the Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) to stand up the three county-wide COVID-19 vaccination centers.

“In order for us to make this happen, it required specialties that are housed in all of our various county agencies,” said DFRS Battalion Chief Mike Cole, Emergency Medical Services Office program manager. “We are used to working together to meet the needs of those we serve, this is just another example of how our Frederick County government agencies pulled together with the single focus of serving our citizens.”

According to Lt. Jason Deater, FCSO Assistant Patrol Operations commander, from the start through present day, these agencies have been and are actively engaged with FCHD in the planning and preparation of these Frederick County clinics. These actions include:

- DFRS & FCSO assisted FCHD in setting up the Frederick Community College (FCC) and Butterfly Ridge Elementary School clinics
- FCSO conducting security and safety surveys for each clinic and submitting those to the FCHD for their final plan
- DFRS provided on-site vaccinators and Emergency Medical Services personnel at all COVID-19 vaccination clinics to include administering the vaccine, assisting with the vaccine process from start to finish, and ensuring all clinics are running smoothly
- FCSO and FPD providing law enforcement coverage to the Scott Key Center during hours of operation, with each agency splitting the day as to not deplete law enforcement resources
- FCSO providing law enforcement coverage, by primarily utilizing school resource officers, to FCC and Butterfly Ridge Elementary School during all hours of operation.

“I am incredibly proud of the career and volunteer personnel of DFRS who have stepped up to the plate to help our partner agencies efficiently getting vaccines in the arms of Frederick County residents,” said DFRS Chief Tom Coe. “This is an all hands on deck mission and we are committed to continuing to ensure the health and safety of our residents.”

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