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Subject: Hand Sanitizer

During the coming weeks, the flu season will be upon us. In addition to the seasonal flu, the H1N1 (Swine) flu will also be spreading throughout the population. In order to protect ourselves from getting sick we must take steps to reduce the chances of spreading germs. One of the best ways to protect ourselves is to practice routine hand-washing. While hand washing is not a practical option when patrolling, officers can use hand sanitizers to effectively kill germs.

The department has acquired hand sanitizers and will begin issuing bottles to all personnel. Officers on patrol platoons will be issued two bottles to keep with them in their vehicles. It is recommended that officers use the sanitizer each and every time they get into their vehicle. Officers should avoid touching their eyes and mouth until they can sanitize their hands. Each district will have stations for refilling the bottles as needed. Supervisors should remind their personnel daily and check for the hand sanitizer during vehicle inspections.

All other personnel will receive one bottle to keep in their vehicles and should practice the same procedures during the course of their day. Specialized Units and Commanders will be notified where to pick up the bottles for their staff.