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Hello all –

City employees are critically important to providing uninterrupted service to the community. The COVID-19 response has brought that into even sharper focus as we implement our preparedness plan.

Our goal is to limit the number of large voluntary gatherings of city employees to keep everyone healthy and available to fulfill our responsibilities to deliver critical city services, including public safety response.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are postponing the annual employee awards programs planned for next week to recognize the outstanding work of city, police, and fire employees and public safety volunteers. Those programs were scheduled for City Hall (March 10), the Spokane Police Department (March 11), the Spokane Fire Department (March 12), and Volunteer Services (March 13).

We are in regular contact with public health experts and taking guidance from federal, state, and local agencies. That guidance continues to be that the risk of contracting COVID-19 remains low.

New dates for the awards programs will be announced at a later date. Apologies for the inconvenience and short notice.

We are an organization that is only as good as its people. Thank you for everything you do.

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