

North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

AFTER-ACTION REPORT

Call-out

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY CALL-OUT				PLANNED EVENT						

Location: [REDACTED] Beauport Ave	Date: 12/12/12
Begin Time: 2000	End Time: 0400
# Personnel Responding: 33	On-scene Commander Lt Chaput

Call-out Summary:

Assist Gloucester PD with barricaded armed suicidal male. Subject taken into custody after several hours of negotiations by CNT and the deployment of CS/OC gas.

Events/Items of Note:

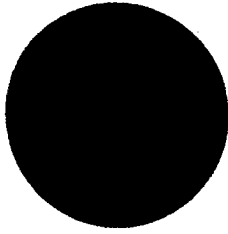
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Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: 12/20/12

Control Chief _____
Signature

Date: _____



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Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

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TO: Lt. Stephen Chaput SWAT Commander
FROM: Sgt. Patrick Towle SWAT OIC
RE: SWAT Callout Gloucester December 12, 2012

On Wednesday December 12, 2012 at approximately 2000 hours the NEMLEC SWAT team was activated to assist the Gloucester Police Department with an armed barricaded gunman. The team was instructed to stage at the O'Maley School 32 Cherry Street. Upon my arrival at the staging I was advised that the first responding operators were already on scene and that all remaining SWAT personnel in the staging area should move to the intersection of Gloucester Ave & Beauport Ave.

Once on scene on Gloucester Ave, myself and Lt. Chaput met with Chief Campanello and Sgt. Marshall from Gloucester PD. Chief Campanello informed us that Gloucester patrol officers had responded to [REDACTED] Beauport Ave. for a well-being check on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had been fired from his job earlier in the day and then had made some statements to his ex-wife that he was going to harm himself.

When the first responding Gloucester officers made contact with [REDACTED], he shut the door on them and indicated that he had a gun and that he was going to harm himself. [REDACTED] also threatened to shoot at the police. It was believed that [REDACTED] could be armed with a .357 revolver, as records showed that one was registered to him. At this point Gloucester PD set up a perimeter around the house. Sgt. Marshall and Chief Campanello both indicated that some current and past Gloucester officers were talking (by cell phone) with [REDACTED] in an attempt to have him come out.

Upon the arrival of NEMLEC SWAT personnel they were split into two teams. The Bravo Team relieved the Gloucester PD officers from the inner perimeter. The Bravo Team consisted of the following operators;

1. Max – long arm/ATL
2. Dicker – long arm
3. Frechette – long arm/TL

4. Scotina – long arm
5. Shackelford – long arm
6. Keins – long arm
7. Seamans – long arm
8. Banosian – long arm
9. Callahan – long arm/ram

The Alpha Team deployed to the front left (1-2 corner) of the home and would act as an IAT/arrest team. The Alpha Team consisted of the following operators;

1. Dorsey – long arm/ATL
2. O’Leary – long arm
3. Ferguson – long arm
4. Gualtieri – long arm
5. Vaglica – long arm
6. Fay – long arm/TL
7. McDonough – long arm
8. Palmer – K9
9. McCarthy – long arm
10. Cogswell – Bearcat driver
11. Regan – medic

After some initial confusion regarding the target address and upon the arrival of the Bearcat the Alpha Team set up on the 1-2 corner of the house. Two Sierra Teams (Marksman teams) were deployed. Sierra One Operator Siai 1 side of the home and Sierra Two Lt. Vivolo on the 1-4 corner of the home. The Sierra Teams would provide an over watch for the team members.

At approximately 2115 hours CNT members Peaslee, Herrera, Post and Scharnek arrived on scene and began transitioning the negotiations from Gloucester PD personnel to NEMLEC CNT. At 2135 Negotiator Post placed the first call into [REDACTED]’s cell phone [REDACTED] and over the next hour and half Negotiator Post placed over 80 calls to [REDACTED]. These calls ranged from hang up calls to short one or two minute conversations. In some of the calls [REDACTED] requested to speak with his ex-wife and wanted his 6 YOA son brought to the scene. [REDACTED] also wanted to speak with Gloucester PD officers that were not working or unavailable to respond to the scene.

After approximately 90 minutes and over 80 phone calls into the home [REDACTED] stopped answering his phone [REDACTED] could be seen by the teams moving around in the house during this time. It was decided to turn the electricity off to [REDACTED]’s house in the hopes that this would encourage him to start speaking with the CNT members again. Turning the power off would also provide some negotiating options for the team. At 2355 hours a National Grid employee was provide a ballistic vest and a security team to shut the power off to Beauport Ave.

Shortly after turning the power off [REDACTED] contacted Negotiator Post and engaged him in several phone calls that were minutes long. During one of the calls [REDACTED] indicated

that he was going to discard his firearm and come out the front door. After these several calls the negotiators lost contact with [REDACTED]. In an attempt to contact [REDACTED] CNT members Peaslee and Herrera moved up to the Bearcat and used the PA to contact [REDACTED]. It was during this time period (approximately 0045) several team members heard a loud bang and observed a flash, which would have been consistent with a gun shot. The Sierra Unit also observed that the glass in one of the front windows was broken. Shortly after the gun shot was heard [REDACTED] was observed moving within the house. It was believed at this time that [REDACTED] had shot a round inside the home near the front windows.

After several more attempts to negotiate with [REDACTED] was decided to put gas teams into place. Gas Team 1; Operators DiChiara and Ferguson, Gas Team 2; Operators Guattieri and Vaglica. Gas Team 1 was assigned side 2 of the home and Gas Team 2 was assigned side 4. At approximately 0109 hours the decision was made to deploy gas (37mm CS/OC) into the home. The gas teams were advised to simultaneously and systematically deploy gas into left and right side of the home from back to front forcing [REDACTED] to come out the front of the home. A total of 18 canisters were fired six canisters by Operator DiChiara and 12 by Operator Gualtieri. After a short period of time [REDACTED] opened the front door and walked onto the porch. It was at this time that [REDACTED] was observed holding a silver revolver in his right hand and [REDACTED] had his finger on the trigger. While [REDACTED] was on the porch Operator DiChiara deployed 3 handheld flameless expulsion (gas) grenades.

For approximately the next forty minutes Negotiator Herrera spoke with [REDACTED] while he was on the porch (via direct voice) from behind the Bearcat. During the negotiations [REDACTED] held the gun to his head several times and also demanded to talk with certain Gloucester PD officers. At approximately 0154 hours [REDACTED] raised the revolver turned it over and emptied the rounds onto the ground then placed the weapon on the railing. [REDACTED] then walked down the stairs and sat down [REDACTED] was then given voice commands and put in a prone position and taken into custody by the Alpha Team without incident. [REDACTED] was handcuffed and turned over to Gloucester PD.

The Alpha Team then conducted a protective sweep of the house then turned it over to the Gloucester Police and Gloucester Fire Department for decontamination. After conducting a final attendance at the staging area the team was dismissed. The hours of the operation were 2000 – 0400 hours.