

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] George St Somerville	Date: 12/22/13
Begin Time: 0930	End Time: 1330
# Personnel Responding: 53	On-scene Commander Lt. Chaput

Call-out Summary:

Assist Somerville PD with armed suicidal barricaded suspect.

30 SWAT, 1 Medic, 4 CNT, 6 MSO SWAT, 3 K-9's, 9 IMT

Events/Items of Note:

See after action report

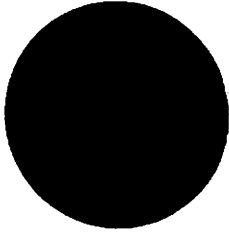
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Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: 12/28/13

Control Chief _____
Signature

Date: _____



Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

Chief Michael R. Begonis
Control Officer
Wilmington Police Dept.

Lt. Stephen Chaput
Commanding Officer
Dracut Police Dept.

Sgt. Patrick Towle
Officer-in-Charge
Bedford Police Dept.

TO: Lt. Stephen Chaput SWAT Commander
FROM: Sgt. Patrick Towle SWAT OIC
RE: SWAT Callout Somerville George Street

On Sunday December 22, 2013 at approximately 0930 hours the NEMLEC SWAT Team was activated to assist the Somerville Police Department with an armed (knife) barricaded suicidal male. The team was instructed to stage at [REDACTED] roadway in Somerville. Upon my arrival at the staging area I learned that at approximately 0850 hours the Somerville Police had responded to [REDACTED] George Street (multi family home) for a report of a male threatening to kill himself. The first responding Somerville officers encountered the subject [REDACTED] inside the home holding a large knife to his throat and threatening to kill himself. [REDACTED] then retreated to the second floor of [REDACTED] George Street. The Somerville PD removed the family members (parents and sister) from the home and set up a perimeter around the home and requested SWAT.

The first responding NEMLEC SWAT personnel had established an Immediate Action Team (IAT) and had also taken over control of the perimeter around [REDACTED] George Street. It was at this point that I made contact with the Somerville PD OIC Deputy Chief Fallon and let him know that we had the scene contained and that the NEMLEC CNT members were interviewing [REDACTED] family members to get some background information on [REDACTED]. Once the CNT had gathered the background information they would place a phone call into [REDACTED] in an attempt to have him exit the home. The background information that was obtained by CNT members Sgt. Herrera and Sgt. Higginbottom was that [REDACTED] had no prior mental health issues, but over that past few days had become increasingly agitated and paranoid and was making irrational statements about the government watching him. [REDACTED] had no access to firearms.

At approximately 1030 hours two teams of operators had been established and positioned at the entrances to [REDACTED] George Street. The Alpha Team was positioned at the entrance of [REDACTED] George Street and the Bravo Team had been positioned at the entrance of [REDACTED] George Street. It was at this time that Negotiator Herrera began to

place numerous phone calls into [REDACTED] cell phone and land line in an attempt to make contact. These attempts were met with negative results. Negotiator Herrera was then moved into the first floor of [REDACTED] George Street and used a bullhorn to call up to [REDACTED]. These attempts were also met with negative results.

After several hours of no dialogue or contact with [REDACTED] it was decided that the Alpha and Bravo Teams would conduct simultaneous tactical search of each apartment. The basement and first floor of the home had already been cleared at that point. The Alpha Team cleared the side designated [REDACTED] George Street and the Bravo Team cleared the side designated [REDACTED] George Street. The Bravo Teams area of responsibility also included the third floor attic. Once the Bravo team reached the third floor an unsecured crawl space was observed in the hallway, this area of the house would have been on the 1/4 corner. A K-9 was deployed into the crawl space and discovered the [REDACTED]. The K-9 was recalled from crawl space because the handler believed the suspect was going to stab the dog.

At this time the Bravo Team made entry into the adjacent room and negotiations were initiated by Operator Rego. Negotiator Herrera was brought up to coach Operator Rego during the negotiations. During the course of the negotiations [REDACTED] just repeatedly requested that the police shoot him. [REDACTED] also repeatedly pushed the knife through the wall [REDACTED] also stated several times that he didn't want to stab anyone, but he had to so that the police would shoot him.

After a period of negotiations it was decided that a section of the wall would be opened so that the team could get a better view of [REDACTED]. Once the section of wall was removed and the team had a visual on [REDACTED] the team would deploy a less - lethal shotgun in an attempt to knock the knife out of [REDACTED] hand and a Taser would be deployed to hold [REDACTED] in place until he could be taken into custody.

Once the opportunity presented itself Lt. Vivolo deployed one bean bag round from the less - lethal shotgun striking [REDACTED] in his right hand causing [REDACTED] to drop the knife, [REDACTED] then picked the knife up with his left hand and Lt. Vivolo deployed a second bean bag round striking [REDACTED] left hand causing [REDACTED] to drop the knife. Operator Shelly deployed a Taser at this time making a positive connection to the upper body of [REDACTED]. Operator Carlson attempted to deploy a second Taser but missed. At this time the remaining portion of the wall was removed and Operators Carlson, Rego and Gaultieri removed [REDACTED] from the crawl space. [REDACTED] was placed in flex cuffs by Operator Rego and once secured turned over Medic Reagan and Cataldo Ambulance EMT's and Somerville PD. [REDACTED] was transported to Cambridge Hospital. After a secondary search of the house was completed the suspect's knife and house were turned over to Somerville PD.

After the team conducted a final attendance and debrief the team was dismissed. The hours of the operation were 0930 - 1330 hours.

The Alpha team consisted of the following operators:

1. Saia - shield
2. Surett - long arm
3. Frechette - ATL
4. Keins - long arm
5. DiCiara - Taser
6. Palmer - K-9
7. Fay - TL
8. Chaput (MSO) - long arm
9. Karelak (MSO) - long arm
10. Ferguson - long arm
11. Scotina - 40 mm
12. Seamans - snake camera

The Bravo team consisted of the following operators:

1. Vivolo - TL
2. Hanafin - shield
3. Carlson - long arm/ Taser
4. Rego - long arm
5. Shelly - long arm/ Taser
6. Gualtieri - long arm/ Taser
7. Cogswell - long arm/ Taser
8. Dicker - long arm
9. Herrera - CNT
10. Connors - K-9

The Delta Team consisted of the following operators:

1. Heller - 40 MM side 3
2. Banosian - long arm side 3
3. Burnham - long arm side 3
4. Shackelford - long arm 1/2 corner
5. Paladeau K-9 side 3

Following operators were on standby:

1. McDonough
2. Max
3. Lefebvre
4. Troiano
5. Sinclair

**NEMLEC
SWAT - CNT - K9 - IMAT**

EVENT: Somerville Barricaded Subject

DATE: #####

TIMES: 930-1330

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Banosian, Shiraz, Ptl.	Belmont	x			
	Burnham, Jon, Ptl.	Wakefield	x			
	Bourque, Mark, Sgt.	Tyngsboro		x		
	Carlson, Jonathan, Ptl.	Wilmington	x			
	Chaput, Stephen, Lt.	Dracut	x			
S	Cogswell, Steve, Ptl.	Billerica	x			
	DiChiara, Chuck, Ptl.	Waltham	x			
W	Dicker, Tom, Ptl.	Watertown	x			
	Dorsey, Paul, Ptl.	No. Reading		x		
A	Fay, James, Sgt.	Lowell	x			
	Ferguson, Chuck, Ptl.	Burlington	x			
T	Fuller, Carl, Lt.	Winchester	x			
	Frechette, David, Sgt.	Lowell	x			
	Gualtieri, Mark, Sgt.	Billerica	x			
	Hanafin, Daniel, Sgt	Burlington	x			
	Heller, Thomas, Sgt.	Stoneham	x			
	Keins, Steven, Sgt.	Westford	x			
	Lefebvre, Christoper, Ptl.	Tewksbury	x			
	Max, Chris, Sgt.	Methuen	x			
	McCarthy, Stephen, Sgt.	Waltham		x		
	McDonough, Tim, Sgt.	Burlington	x			
	O'Leary, Sean, Ptl.	No. Reading		x		
	Palmer, Eric, Ptl.	Wilmington	x			
	Rego, Daniel, Ptl.	Somerville	x			
	Saia, Mark, Ptl.	Peabody	x			
	Scotina, Alfred, Ptl.	Peabody	x			
	Seamans, John, Sgt.	Dracut	x			
	Shackelford, Kevin, Ptl.	Somerville	x			
	Shelly, Jeffrey, Ptl.	Concord	x			
	Sinclair, Charles, Ptl.	Marblehead	x			
	Surette, Robert, Ptl.	Lincoln	x			
	Towie, Pat, Sgt.	Bedford	x			
	Troiano, Chris, Ptl.	Concord	x			
	Vaglica, James, Sgt.	Waltham		x		
	Vivolo, Carmine, Lt.	Somerville	x			
	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
M	Bradbury, Jerry	Saints				
E	Clark, Keith	Saints				
D	Podsiadio, Benjamin	Saints				
I	Regan, Tim	Saints	x			
C	Russell, Wes	Saints				

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Fogarty, Andrea	CNT				
	Foley, Brian	CNT				
C	Herrera, Armand, Sgt.	CNT	x			
	Higginbottom, Mark, Sgt.	CNT - OIC	x			
N	Peaslee, David, Sgt.	CNT	x			
	Post, Greg	CNT				
T	Ricci, Eric	CNT				
	Scharnick, Sean	CNT	x			
	Sedgwick, David, Sgt.	CNT				
	Carder, Greg	MSO				
S	Chaput, Scot	MSO	x			
	Corindia, Joseph	MSO		x		
H	Doucette, Ken	MSO		x		
	Fagan, Justin	MSO		x		
E	Gianino, Nick	MSO		x		
	Gudewich, Mike	MSO		x		
R	Irving, Christian	MSO		x		
	Karelas, George	MSO	x			
I	Lavita, Jason	MSO	x			
	Ledbury, Todd	MSO	x			
F	Maloney, Rick	MSO	x			
	Slauta, Daniel	MSO				
F	Tully, Jason	MSO				
	McManus, Brian	MSO	x			
	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Connors, Michael	Andover	x			Call Sign K-10
	Ellenton, Justin	Danvers				Call Sign K-13
	Fogg, Mike	Waltham				Call Sign K-9
K	Genovese, Chris	Gloucester				Call Sign K-12
	Harring, John	Billerica				Call Sign K-1
9	Hogan, Michael	Arlington				Call Sign K-8
	Kinney, Brian	Lowell	x			Call Sign K-11
	Leo, Dave	Chelmsford				Call Sign K-15
	Palmer, Eric	Wilmington				Call Sign K-2
	Papsedero, Joe	Burlington				Call Sign K-4
	Peladeau, Corey	Westford	x			Call Sign K-5
	Picallo, Al	Tewksbury				Call Sign K-7
	Taylor, Cory	Belmont				Call Sign K-14
	Toumyan, Slyvia	Concord				Call Sign K-6
	Tsoukalas, Mark	Billerica				Call Sign K-3

