

# North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

## AFTER-ACTION REPORT

### Call-out

#### Summary Page

<b>Operational Unit (check one):</b>											
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY CALL-OUT				PLANNED EVENT						

Location: [redacted] Whitehall Rd building [redacted] Apt. [redacted]	Date: 01/25/2013
Begin Time: 1400	End Time: 1900
# Personnel Responding: 32	On-scene Commander Lt. Chaput

#### Call-out Summary:

Assist Amesbury Police Department with serving high risk narcotics search warrant

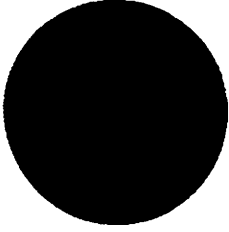
#### Events/Items of Note:

Attachments: After Action Reports, Roster

Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: 01/30/2013

Control Chief \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



# 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 Amesbury

On Friday January 25, 2013 the NEMLEC SWAT Team was activated to assist the Amesbury Police Department with serving a high risk search warrant. The team was instructed to stage at [REDACTED] Friend Street, in the rear at 1500 hours. As the team was staging in Amesbury, Sgt. Fay, Lt. Vivolo and I attended an operational briefing at the Salisbury Police Department.

Detective Sgt. Anthony King of the Salisbury Police Department stated that the Salisbury and Amesbury Police Departments had been involved in a month long narcotics investigation that involved suspects from both communities. As a result of the investigation the Salisbury Police Department had obtained a search warrant for a three family home at [REDACTED] Central Avenue and the Amesbury Police Department had obtained a no knock search warrant for [REDACTED] Whitehall Road Bldg. [REDACTED] Apt. # [REDACTED]. The operational plan called for both warrants to be served simultaneously.

After clearing the Salisbury Police Department we staged at the Amesbury Police Department where we met with Detective Lt. Jeff Worthen and Detective Matthew Cunningham. Det. Cunningham stated that he had obtained a no knock search warrant out of Newburyport District Court, docket number [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] Whitehall Road Bldg. [REDACTED] Apt. # [REDACTED]. The warrant had been obtained after a month long narcotics investigation (heroin, Suboxen). The targets of the investigation were [REDACTED] (6'4' 280lbs.) [REDACTED] and his girlfriend [REDACTED]. Det. Cunningham indicated that [REDACTED] has a violent criminal history which include charges of Possession of a Firearm without a FID Card, A&B Dangerous Weapon (brick) and carrying a Dangerous Weapon (Butterfly Knife). Det. Cunningham also indicated that his confidential informant had observed numerous swords and knives scattered around [REDACTED] apartment. Det. Cunningham also informed me that he had also received information from the confidential informant that [REDACTED] had a sawed off shotgun at one point.

The target location [REDACTED] Whitehall Road Building [REDACTED] a large three story apartment building containing approximately thirty, one and two bedroom apartments. Apartment number [REDACTED] was

located on the first floor of building [REDACTED] on the three/four corner. After the team leaders and vehicle operators had conducted a surveillance drive by of the target location an operational plan was formed.

The operational plan called for the Alpha team (primary entry team) to make entry into the main entrance of building [REDACTED] on side one, travel the length of the building via the hallway and set up on the targets apartment door. The Bravo team would exit the van on the two side of the building and then stack up on the two/three corner and provide perimeter security and secondary breach team. Once in position the Bravo team would deploy a diversionary device outside the suspect's apartment, which would initiates the Alpha team's breach. The Delta team would exit the Bearcat immediately behind the Alpha team and proceed down the outside wall of the four side providing perimeter security. Marksman Dorsey would deploy with the Bravo team and would provide an over watch to the teams.

After briefing the team on the operation, individual team assignments were given;

**Alpha Team – grey van, driver (CNT member) Scharnick**

1. Diciara – Hands Free
2. Dicker – Ram
3. Max – hands Free
4. Frechette – ATL
5. Cogswell – Less Lethal, Taser
6. Fay – TL
7. Shell – Shotgun
8. Scotina – Lang arm
9. Saia – Long arm
10. Gualtieri – Taser
11. Rego – Long Arm

**Bravo Team – white van, driver (CNT member) Foley**

1. McCarthy – ATL, Long Arm
2. Vaglica – Long Arm
3. Shackelford – Diversionary Device, Handgun
4. Vivolo – TL
5. Noonan – Less Lethal
6. Keins – ram
7. Bourque – Halogen
8. Dorsey – Marksman

**Delta team – Bearcat, driver Callahan**

1. Fuller – TL
2. Surrect – Long Arm
3. Palmer – K-9
4. Callahan – Long arm
5. Banosian – Long Arm

After the teams met separately to cover individual assignments the team leaders indicated that they were set to move out to the target location. At approximately 1647 hours the teams

set out on a pre-determined route to the target location. The order of movement for the vehicles was Alpha, Bravo, and Delta. Once the teams were in place the order was given to deploy the diversionary device. Once the diversionary device was deployed by Operator Shackelford the Alpha team made entry, once inside the female suspect, [REDACTED] was taken into custody in the living room. The male suspect, [REDACTED] was encountered by Alpha team members exiting a rear bedroom and advancing towards the kitchen area. In plain view in the kitchen was a large knife on the kitchen table, there was also a secondary exit door in the kitchen area. Operators DiChiara and Max gave [REDACTED] numerous verbal commands to get down but the commands were ignored. Believing that [REDACTED] could be attempting to arm himself with knife or flee out the door Operators DiChiara and Max performed an arm bar take down on [REDACTED]. Once on the ground [REDACTED] continued to resist, but was eventually handcuffed. During the course of being taken into custody [REDACTED] sustained a small cut on his face from coming in contact with the kitchen floor. Medical aid was immediately provided to [REDACTED] by the Amesbury Fire dept.

After conducting a secondary search of the apartment the apartment and suspects were turned over to the Amesbury PD. The team then cleared the scene and returned to the staging area, and a de-brief of the operation was conducted. The team was then dismissed. The hours of the operation were 1400 – 1900 hours.

**NEMLEC  
SWAT - CNT - K9 - IMAT  
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**EVENT:**

**DATE:**

**TIMES:**

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Banosian, Shiraz, Ptl	Belmont	X			
	Borque, Mark, SGT	Tyngsboro	X			
	Callahan, Jeff, SGT	Waltham	X			
	Chaput, Stephen, LT	Dracut	X			
	Cogswell, Steve, Ptl	Billerica	X			
S	DiChiara, Chuck, Ptl	Waltham	X			
	Dicker, Tom, Ptl	Watertown	X			
W	Dorsey, Paul, Ptl	No. Reading	X			
	Fay, James, SGT	Lowell	X			
A	Ferguson, Chuck, Ptl	Burlington		X		
	Fuller, Carl, LT	Winchester	X			
T	Frechette, David, SGT	Lowell	X			
	Gualtieri, Mark, SGT	Billerica	X			
	Heller, Thomas, Ptl	Stoneham		X		
	Keins, Steven, SGT	Westford	X			
	Max, Chris, SGT	Methuen	X			
	McCarthy, Stephen, SGT	Waltham	X			
	McDonough, Tim, SGT	Burlington		X		
	Noonan, Patrick, Ptl	No. Andover	X			
	O'Leary, Sean, Ptl	No. Reading		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			
	Towle, Pat, SGT	Bedford	X			
	Troiano, Chris, Ptl	Concord		X		
	Vaglica, James, SGT	Waltham	X			
	Vivolo, Carmine, LT	Somerville	X			
S	Clark, Keith	Medic				
U	Regan, Tim	Medic				
P	Russell, Wes	Medic				
T	Cooper, Paul	Support				
	Surette, Robert	Support	X			

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Fogarty, Andrea	CNT				
C	Foley, Brian	CNT	X			
	Herrera, Armand	CNT				
N	Higginbottom, Mark, SGT	CNT - OIC				
	Peaslee, David	CNT				
T	Post, Greg	CNT				
	Ricci, Eric	CNT				
	Scharnick, Sean	CNT	X			
	Sedgwick, David	CNT				
	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Harring, John	Billerica				
	Hogan, Michael	Arlington				
	Palmer, Eric	Wilmington	X			
K	Tsoukalas, Mark	Billerica				
	Papsedero, Joe	Burlington				
9	Kinney, Brian	Lowell				
	Peladeau, Corey	Westford	X			
	Toumyan, Sylvia	Concord				
	Fogg, Mike	Waltham				
	Picallo, Al	Tewksbury				
	Polston, Mike	Malden				
	Roccicone, Brett	Wakefield				
	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Arnold, Scott	Waltham				
	Bogart, Tom	Lynnfield FD				
	Buckley, William	MSO				
	Burnham, Ken	Lynnfield FD				
I	Cassidy, Shane	MSO				
	Chisholm, Glenn	Newton				
M	D'Agostino, Phil	Watertown				
	Davis, Damien	MSO				
A	Dooley, Sherri	Bedford				
	Duffill, John	Danvers				
T	Eldridge, Frank	Newton	X			
	Foley, Mike	Arlington				
	Griffin, Michael	Salem				
	Keefe, Brian	Lowell				
	Landers, Richard	Concord				
	Mondalto, Jamie	Danvers				
	Riccio, James	Belmont				
	Riendeau, Dan	Cataldo				
	Rudolph, Mark	Medford	X			
	Ryan, Christopher	Andover				
	Scafidi, Jeff	Armstrong				
	Scholtz, William	Amesbury	X			
	Simonds, David	Woburn				
	Spinosa, David	Lexington				
	Thibodeau, Joseph	N. Reading				
	Trombly, James	Contractor				
	Vinciulla, Jeffrey	Bedford				