

# North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

## AFTER-ACTION REPORT

### Call-out

#### Summary Page

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

Location: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> Mill St. Woburn	Date: 03/23/2013
Begin Time: 0400	End Time: 0800
# Personnel Responding: 36	On-scene Commander Lt. Chaput

#### **Call-out Summary:**

Assist Woburn PD with serving high risk warrant; 25 SWAT operators, 2 CNT, 3 K-9's  
.5 IMAT personnel

#### **Events/Items of Note:**

See after action reports

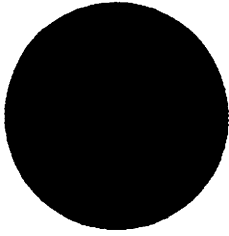
Attachments: After Action Reports, Roster

Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: 03/25/2013

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 Mill St. Woburn

On Saturday March 23, 2013 the NEMLEC SWAT Team was activated to assist the Woburn Police Department with serving a high risk search warrant. The team was instructed to stage at the Stoneham Police Department at 0430 hours. Upon my arrival at the staging area I met with Det. Angelo Piazza of the Woburn Police Department, Det. Piazza informed me that he and members of the Southern Middlesex Regional Drug Task Force had conducted a narcotics investigation into the residents at [REDACTED] Mill Street Woburn and as a result of the investigation had obtained a knock and announce search warrant docket number [REDACTED] out of Woburn District Court.

Detective Piazza indicated that the targets of the investigation, [REDACTED] had made numerous sales of cocaine and marijuana out of the apartment on Mill Street to a reliable confidential informant. A third resident of the apartment, [REDACTED] had been observed by the RCI to be in possession of a handgun in the past while at the apartment. Det. Piazza also informed me that both [REDACTED] had made recent inquires to the RCI about purchasing guns. According to Det. Piazza, [REDACTED] girlfriend [REDACTED] also lives at [REDACTED] Mill Street.

After having Det. Piazza and Sgt. Heller (pre-raid intelligence) brief the team on the case background, the team leaders and vehicle operators conducted a reconnaissance drive by of the target address.

Upon completion of the reconnaissance drive by an operational plan was developed. The plan called for both the Alpha and Bravo teams to stop short of the target location and move on foot along the 2 side of the home to a rear porch on the 2/3 corner. The porch/deck would lead to the targets two exterior doors. The plan called for the Alpha Team to be the primary entry team, breaching the door into the kitchen. The Bravo Team would breach and hold on the second door

which led into [REDACTED] bedroom. The Delta Team along with responding NEMLEC K-9's would secure the perimeter. A Sierra Unit would provide an over watch for the entry teams.

After making the team assignments and briefing the operational plan the teams separated and met individually with their team leaders. The following team assignments were made.

The Alpha Team consisted of the following operators.

1. Heller – ID target door
2. Frechette – MP5
3. DiChiara – MP5
4. Max – Taser
5. Fay – TL
6. Saia ATL, Taser
7. O'Leary – Shield
8. Dicker – Ram
9. Det. Norton Stoneham PD – Driver, White Van

The Bravo Team consisted of the following operators.

1. Gualtieri – shield
2. McCarthy – Handgun, Halogen
3. Shackelford – Long Arm
4. Seamans – Ram
5. Vivolo – TL
6. Keins – Handgun, Fire Extinguisher
7. Cogswell – Long Arm, Taser
8. Bourque – Driver, Blue Van
9. Herrera - CNT

The Delta Team consisted of the following operators.

1. Callahan – Long Arm
2. Fuller – Long Arm
3. Noonan – Long Arm

4. Surrette – Long Arm
5. Troiano – TL
6. Vaglica - Long Arm
7. McDonough – ATL
8. Ricci – CNT, Driver Bearcat

**Sierra Unit – Operator Dorsey**

After the teams met individually they were brought together to conduct several rehearsals of the dismount and entry. A final inspection was conducted and the teams loaded up into the assigned vans and headed to a forward staging area located at the Unicorn Golf Course. At 0600 hours the teams moved out over a predetermined route to the target location. Just prior to the teams deployment Sierra 1 was deployed just off Washington Street so that he could provide an over watch for the entry teams. Once the team reached the house the vans stopped just prior to the target address and the teams dismounted. A stack was formed and the teams moved on foot traveling to the left side (2) of the house before ascending a stairway on the 2/3 corner of the house to the rear porch. The Alpha and Bravo Teams traveled to the target door which was identified by Sgt. Heller. Once the teams were set up on their designated doors Sgt. Fay knocked and announced the police presence twice. After approximately 30 seconds the order was given to breach and the teams made entry. The Alpha Team made entry into the kitchen, then moved to the first bedroom off the hallway where [REDACTED] was located and cuffed by Operators Keins and Frechette without incident. [REDACTED] was located in the second bedroom and handcuffed by Operators O'Leary and Max. The Bravo Team after breaching made entry into the bedroom/living room where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] located, Operators Seamans handcuffed [REDACTED] and Operator McCarthy handcuffed [REDACTED] without incident.

After securing all the suspects and conducting a secondary search the apartment was turned over to the Woburn Detectives. The team then returned to the Stoneham Police Department where the operation was debriefed. The team was then dismissed; the hours of the operation were 0400 – 0800 hours.

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

**EVENT: WOBURN WARRANT**

**DATE: 03-23-2013**

**TIMES: 0400 - 0800**

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Banosian, Shiraz, Ptl	Belmont		X		
	Borque, Mark, SGT	Tyngsboro	X			BRAVO
	Callahan, Jeff, SGT	Waltham	X			DELTA
	Chaput, Stephen, LT	Dracut	X			ZULU 1
	Cogswell, Steve, Ptl	Billerica	X			BRAVO
	DiChiara, Chuck, Ptl	Waltham	X			ALPHA
S	Dicker, Tom, Ptl	Watertown	X			ALPHA
	Dorsey, Paul, Ptl	No. Reading	X			SIERRA 1
W	Fay, James, SGT	Lowell	X			TEAM LEADER: ALPHA
	Ferguson, Chuck, Ptl	Burlington		X		
A	Fuller, Carl, LT	Winchester	X			DELTA
	Frechette, David, SGT	Lowell	X			ALPHA
T	Gualtieri, Mark, SGT	Billerica	X			BRAVO
	Heller, Thomas, Ptl	Stoneham	X			ALPHA
	Keins, Steven, SGT	Westford	X			BRAVO
	Max, Chris, SGT	Methuen	X			ALPHA
	McCarthy, Stephen, SGT	Waltham	X			BRAVO
	McDonough, Tim, SGT	Burlington	X			DELTA
	Noonan, Patrick, Ptl	No. Andover	X			DELTA
	O'Leary, Sean, Ptl	No. Reading	X			ALPHA
	Palmer, Eric	Wilmington		X		
	Rego, Daniel, Ptl	Somerville		X		
	Saia, Mark, Ptl	Peabody	X			ALPHA
	Scotina, Alfred, Ptl	Peabody				
	Seamans, John, SGT	Dracut	X			BRAVO
	Shackelford, Kevin, Ptl	Somerville	X			BRAVO
	Shelly, Jeffrey, Ptl	Concord		X		
	Surette, Robert	Lincoln	X			DELTA
	Towle, Pat, SGT	Bedford	X			CHARLIE 1
	Troiano, Chris, Ptl	Concord	X			TEAM LEADER: DELTA
	Vaglica, James, SGT	Waltham	X			DELTA
	Vivolo, Carmine, LT	Somerville	X			TEAM LEADER: BRAVO
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>IN-ROUTE</b>	<b>Comment - Assignment</b>
	Fogarty, Andrea	CNT		X		
C	Foley, Brian	CNT		X		
	Herrera, Armand	CNT	X			
N	Higginbottom, Mark, SGT	CNT - OIC		X		
	Peaslee, David	CNT		X		
T	Post, Greg	CNT		X		
	Ricci, Eric	CNT	X			
	Scharnick, Sean	CNT		X		
	Sedgwick, David	CNT		X		

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Bradbury, Jerry	MEDIC		X		
Clark, Keith	MEDIC		X		
Regan, Tim	MEDIC		X		
Russell, Wes	MEDIC		X		
Cooper, Paul	Support		X		

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NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
Harring, John	Billerica	X			Call Sign K-1
Palmer, Eric	Wilmington		X		Call Sign K-2
Hogan, Michael	Arlington		X		Call Sign K-8
Tsoukalas, Mark	Billerica	X			Call Sign K-3
Papsedero, Joe	Burlington		X		Call Sign K-4
Kinney, Brian	Lowell		X		Call Sign K-11
Peladeau, Corey	Westford		X		Call Sign K-5
Toumyan, Slyvia	Concord		X		Call Sign K-6
Fogg, Mike	Waltham		X		Call Sign K-9
Picallo, Al	Tewksbury		X		Call Sign K-7
Polston, Mike	Malden		X		Call Sign K-12
Connors, Michael	Andover		X		Call Sign K-10
Genovese, Chris	Gloucester	X			Call Sign K-13

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NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
Arnold, Scott	Waltham	X			
Buckley, William	MSO				
Burnham, Ken	Lynnfield FD				
Cassidy, Shane	MSO				
D'Agostino, Phil	Watertown				
Davis, Damien	MSO				
Duffill, John	Danvers				
Dragone, Lauren	Newton				
Eldridge, Frank	Newton	X			
Foley, Mike	Arlington				
Griffin, Michael	Salem				
Keefe, Brian	Lowell				
Landers, Richard	Concord				
Magee, Dave	Woburn				
Malm, Chris	Wakefield				
Mathers, David	Amesbury				
Mondalto, Jamie	Danvers				
Riccio, James	Belmont				
Riendeau, Dan	Cataldo				
Rudolph, Mark	Medford	X			
Ryan, Christopher	Andover				
Scafidi, Jeff	Armstrong				
Scholtz, William	Amesbury				
Skory, Steve	Wakefield	X			
Simonds, Dave	Woburn				
Spinosa, David	Lexington				
Stokes, Keegan	Salem				
Thibodeau, Joseph	N. Reading				
Trombly, James	Contractor				
Vinciulla, Jeffrey	Bedford	X			
Vestri, Fabrizio	Pepperell				

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>IN-ROUTE</b>	<b>Comment - Assignment</b>
Fram, Thomas	Methuen		X		
Sheehan, Timothy	Tewksbury		X		
Begonis, Michael	Wilmington		X		
Fisher, John	Carlisle	X			
Picariello, Robert	Marblehead		X		
Palma, Donald	Groton		X		
Ray, Mark	Beverly		X		