

North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

AFTER-ACTION REPORT Call-out

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Operational Unit (check one):

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

Location: [REDACTED] Lakeview Ave. Dracut	Date: 06/12/2014
Begin Time: 1430	End Time: 1830
# Personnel Responding: 51	On-scene Commander Lt. Chaput

Call-out Summary:

Assist Dracut PD with armed barricaded (suicidal) subject. 25 NEMLEC SWAT
1 medic, 5 CNT, 7 MSO SWAT, 2 K9, 9 IMT, 2 Control Chiefs

Events/Items of Note:

See after action reports

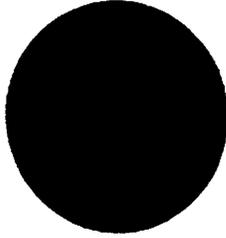
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Submitted By: Sgt. Patrick Towle

Submitted Date: 06/24/2014

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 Lakeview Ave. Dracut

On Thursday June 12, 2014 at approximately 1430 hours the NEMLEC SWAT Team was activated to assist the Dracut Police Department with an armed barricaded subject. The team was instructed to stage at [REDACTED] Lakeview Ave Dracut. Upon my arrival at the staging area I met with Lt. Chaput who briefed me on the situation. The Dracut PD had received a 911 call from a female [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Lakeview Ave. reporting that her roommate, [REDACTED] was despondent over some marital issues and some serious health issues. [REDACTED] had reportedly made some self-inflicted cuts with a knife on his neck and hands before [REDACTED] was able to take the knife from [REDACTED] and flee the house. The first responding Dracut PD units encountered [REDACTED] on the front yard. [REDACTED] quickly retreated back into his first floor apartment. [REDACTED] made several statements to the responding Dracut PD officers that he had a gun and that he wanted to die. [REDACTED] also stated that he had turned on all the gas in house. At this point the responding Dracut PD officers had set up a perimeter around the home and requested NEMLEC SWAT.

Lt. Chaput also informed me that the surrounding homes and businesses had been evacuated and that an Immediate Action Team was staged at the 1 – 4 corner (Seamans, Frechette, Max, and Gualtieri). It was during this initial phase of the incident that Dracut PD officers on the perimeter were able to engage [REDACTED] in conversation which caused [REDACTED] to come out of the house onto the porch. [REDACTED] then yelled for the police to shoot him. No weapon was observed during this encounter and [REDACTED] again retreated back into the first floor of the residence. A strong odor of natural gas could be detected when [REDACTED] opened the front door.

It was at this time additional SWAT members arrived on scene and replaced the Dracut officers on the perimeter and provided additional support to the IAT. Sgt. Higginbottom CNT also arrived on scene and began negotiations with [REDACTED] with the use of a bullhorn. It was

also learned at this time that [REDACTED] had an extensive criminal history which included armed robbery (gun), A & B on a police officer, threats to kill and escape. During this time [REDACTED] could be heard yelling from inside the residence and he also smashed out several windows on the 2 side. The SWAT operators assigned to the perimeter on the 2 side also observed [REDACTED] several times attempt to cut his neck with glass from the broken windows.

At approximately 1550 hours two national Grid employees were brought to the scene to shut off the gas to the house. Using the Bearcat for cover the National Grid employees were able to shut the gas off at the street. With the Bearcat in position in front of the house the IAT/Alpha Team moved forward to use it as cover. The Middlesex Sheriff's Bear was also moved into a position on the 1 – 2 corner at this time. Sgt. Higginbottom moved into the Sheriff's Bear to continue negotiations with [REDACTED] using the public address system in the Bear.

At approximately 1600 hours [REDACTED] stepped outside onto the front porch and continued to act irrationally yelling for the police to shoot him. There were visible wounds to [REDACTED] arms wrist and neck. [REDACTED] continued to pace back and forth on the porch shouting that he was going to harm himself. When it appeared that [REDACTED] was going to retreat back into the gas filled home and was not following the commands of the Alpha Team Operator DiChiara deployed one less lethal bean bag round to [REDACTED] left thigh and almost simultaneously Operator Cogswell deployed one Taser cartridge at [REDACTED], from his DCR position in the turret of the Bearcat. While [REDACTED] was immobilized by the Taser Operator Lefebvre and Sgt. Max were able to take control of him and handcuff him. After being searched [REDACTED] was turned over to the Dracut PD where he received medical aide and then was transported to Lowell General to be evaluated.

A protective sweep of the first floor and second floor apartments was conducted by the Alpha and Bravo Teams. No one else was located in the apartments. There still was a very strong odor of natural gas in the building. The building was then turned over to the Dracut Police and Fire Departments. The SWAT Team held a formation where attendance was taken and a debrief of the operation was conducted. The team was then dismissed. The hours of the operation were 1430 – 1830 hours.

The following operators were assigned to the Alpha Team:

1. Frechett – long arm
2. DiChiara – less lethal shotgun
3. Max – hands free
4. Seamans – TL
5. Gualtieri – long arm
6. Lefebvre – hands free
7. McCarthy – long arm
8. Rego – long arm
9. O'Leary – long arm
10. Cogswell - DCR, long arm, Taser
11. Higginbottom – CNT
12. Dorsey – driver Bearcat
13. Peladeau – K9
14. Reagan - medic

The following operators were assigned to the Bravo Team:

1. Giano – long arm
2. Slauta – long arm
3. Saia – long arm
4. Scotina – long arm
5. Karelak – long arm
6. Fagan – driver, MSO Bear
7. Higginbottom – CNT

The following operators were assigned to the Delta Team:

1. Banosian – long arm
2. Burnham – long arm
3. Hanafin – long arm
4. Keins – long arm
5. McDonough – long arm
6. Palmer – long arm
7. Surette – long arm
8. Chaput (MSO) – long arm
9. Maloney – long arm

**NORTH EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL (NEMLEC)**

USE OF FORCE REVIEW REPORT

Officer Submitting Report: Stephen Cogswell Date: 06/12/14

Name of Police Department: Billerica Police/NEMLEC SWAT Rank: PTL

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Incident: 06/12/14

Time of Incident: 1430-1830

Location or Address of Incident: [REDACTED] Lakeview Ave, Dracut, MA

Indoors:

Outdoors:

Describe Weather and Light Conditions: Daylight, overcast clouds, no sun

B. FORCE APPLICATIONS USED (check all applicable)

Physical Strength/Hand Controls

Spray/Pepper Mace

Firearm Discharged Number of shots fired:

Defensive Baton

Other (describe) Taser deployment

Reason:

Necessary to Effect Arrest

Necessary to Defend Self

Necessary to Defend Another

Other (explain below)

Firearm Used (if applicable):

Department Issued Firearm

NEMLEC Authorized Firearm

Privately Owned Firearm

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G. NARRATIVE

Describe in detail the reasons and circumstances that required use of force and/or discharge of a firearm. Use additional paper if necessary. Reference and attached any After Action Reports that are related to this incident.

On 06/12/14 at approx 1430 hrs I, Billerica Police Officer Stephen Cogswell responded to the Town of Dracut for a NEMLEC SWAT activation. This was to assist the Dracut Police Dept for an armed barricaded subject (Later ID as [REDACTED]).

Arriving at the incident location, I was briefed by Lt Chaput (Z1) and Sgt Towle (C1) that [REDACTED] had harmed himself with a knife and possible had a firearm. I was then tasked to assist Operator Paul Dorsey in providing security for National Grid Gas Division personnel in turning the gas to the building. This was done because it was reported that subject [REDACTED] may had tampered with the gas line inside the structure. We utilized the Armored Bearcat to safely transport the gas employees from a staging location to the gas shut off location in from of the building the subject was barricaded in. Operator Dorsey drove the Bearcat to the gas shut off location and I provided overwatch with my long arm from the turret on top of the armored vehicle. As the gas employees were shutting the gas to the building off I could hear the subject [REDACTED] yelling from inside the structure "Just shoot me" in response to negotiators attempting communications. I could observed blood near the front door to the first floor doorway of what appeared to be an up and down duplex style residence.

During the attempted negotiations I observed the subject [REDACTED] come to the front door and step outside onto the front porch. It appeared to me initially, based on his movements that he was surrendering himself with his hands in the air. I could observed [REDACTED] to have blood on his person to include his head but I could not observe where the blood was coming from. I believed that based on the reports he had harmed himself with a knife earlier, this could be his blood and he required immediate medical attention. [REDACTED] stopped on the front porch and started to engage in communication with someone to the rear of my position [REDACTED] demeanor quickly changed from a surrendering posture to defiant and argumentative. [REDACTED] started to walk backwards and appeared to be starting to retreat back into the home. I feared at this time that if [REDACTED] was able to return to the structure he could cause himself further harm or could succum to self inflicted wounds that I observed to be still bleeding. I then transitioned to my Dept Issued Taser and issued a verbal warning to [REDACTED] to get down on the ground or he would be Tasered. He ignored my commands and started to turn around towards the door. I then deployed the Taser while yelling "Taser, Taser, Taser" striking [REDACTED] in his front chest and front lower abdomen [REDACTED] then fell down onto the porch and appeared to be having the desired effect of the Taser deployment. I yelled to other SWAT operators that [REDACTED] was under Taser deployment at to take him into custody. As the arrest team moved toward [REDACTED] I monitored the Taser display and could see that the standard 5 second deployment was not going to provide enough time for the arrest team to place [REDACTED] under control. I continued active deployment of the Taser until it appeared the arrest team had him in physical control (Taser deployment log 15 sec). I then monitored the arrest team place [REDACTED] into custody and observed [REDACTED] to start to actively resist being placed into custody. I then gave two (2) one second Arc deployments from the [REDACTED] to assist the arrest team maintain control of [REDACTED] He was then placed into handcuffs and treated be medical personel on scene.

I recovered the two Taser darts and placed them into the deployed Taser cartridge then inside a medical glove per evidence collection policy at the Billerica Police Dept.

Officer's Signature: Stephen Cogswell

Date: 6/12/14



**NORTH EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL (NEMLEC)**

USE OF FORCE REVIEW REPORT

Officer Submitting Report: C. Di Chiara Date: 6-12-2014

Name of Police Department: Waltham PD Rank: PTM

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Incident: 6-12-14 Time of Incident: 14:50

Location or Address of Incident: [REDACTED] Lakewood Ave 1st Floor Dracut Ma

Indoors: Outdoors:

Describe Weather and Light Conditions: Clear, sunny, 70's

B. FORCE APPLICATIONS USED (check all applicable)

Physical Strength/Hand Controls

Spray/Pepper Mace

Firearm Discharged Number of shots fired: 1

Defensive Baton

Other (describe) Less Lethal Bean Bag
(super sex rounds)

Reason:

Firearm Used (if applicable):

Necessary to Effect Arrest

Department Issued Firearm

Necessary to Defend Self

NEMLEC Authorized Firearm

Necessary to Defend Another

Privately Owned Firearm

Other (explain below)

Area Denial and Present
suicide attempt

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C. INJURED PERSON(S)

Was the suspect injured? YES NO

Was a witness injured? YES NO

Was officer injured? YES NO

Were photos/physical evidence obtained? YES NO

Name: Dracon PD Detective Phina Describe Injury: Bruise / Contusion Left Thigh
Address: [Redacted]
[Redacted] Lakewood Ave #1 Dracon Ma
Treated by Ambulance? YES NO
Transported? YES NO
Medical Facility: Lowell General Hospital

Name: _____ Injury: Bruise / Contusion Left Thigh
Address: _____ Treated by Ambulance? YES NO
Transported? YES NO
Medical Facility: _____

D. WITNESSES YES NO

List name(s) and addresses if known:
LT Steve Chaput (OIC) Dracon
Sgt Pat Toule (OIC/Supv) Bedford

F. PROPERTY DAMAGE YES NO

Name and Address of Owner: _____ Damage: _____

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On above date/time I responded to [REDACTED] Location the floor 1 for
SWIFT Callout involving - Armed / Suicidal male. Subject was violent
and known to Police. Extensive Bop, Psych history and violent crimes.
Subject was observed cutting himself inside as well as hanging out
the window. Subject also broke window and was cutting his neck w/ glass
shards. Attempted Negotiations for over an hour with negative results. Mr.
Graham then burst through front Door 10 feet from me and the IAT
(Immediate Action Team). [REDACTED] was covered in blood, unarmored and swearing
at officers. Fighting stance and very combative. Given Verbal directions to
get down and refused. Had turned on all the gas in the home and area was
saturated by gas. Observed cuts to neck from glass pieces. Actions continued
and assaultive behavior continued as he was out of control. Mr. [REDACTED]
then stepped back towards re-gaining entry into the home. In an attempt to
prevent him from going back inside the residence and harming himself
by blowing up the home or continuing to cut his throat, I fired one
12 gauge Super X round to his left thigh as off copswall fired 2 taser
Probs. After brief struggle for 30 seconds subdued and transported
to Local General Hospital with Bruises and contusions to upper left
thigh.

Officer's Signature:



Date: 6/12/14

Injuries were a Bi-Product of his assaultive and suicidal Behavior.
Injuries Photographed as Evidence.
Treated at scene by SWIFT medic Tim Bergen.

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Ass
	Fogarty, Andrea	CNT	X			
	Foley, Brian	CNT	X			
C	Herrera, Armand, Sgt.	CNT	X			
	Higginbottom, Mark, Sgt.	CNT - OIC	X			
N	Peaslee, David, Sgt.	CNT				
	Post, Greg	CNT				
T	Ricci, Eric	CNT				
	Scharnick, Sean	CNT	X			
	Sedgwick, David, Sgt.	CNT				
	Carder, Greg	MSO				
S	Chaput, Scot	MSO - OIC	X			
	Corindia, Joseph	MSO				
H	Doucette, Ken	MSO				
	Fagan, Justin	MSO	X			
E	Gianino, Nick	MSO	X			
	Gudewich, Mike	MSO				
R	Irving, Christian	MSO				
	Karelas, George	MSO	X			
I	Lavita, Jason	MSO	X			
	Ledbury, Todd	MSO				
F	Maloney, Rick	MSO	X			
	Slauta, Daniel	MSO	X			
F	Tully, Jason	MSO				
	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Ass
	Connors, Michael	Andover				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				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	X			Call Sign K-14
	Toumyan, Sylvia	Concord				Call Sign K-6
	Tsoukalas, Mark	Billerica				Call Sign K-3

