



Ohio Attorney General's Office  
Bureau of Criminal Investigation  
Investigative Report



2022-1527

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH,  
Highland County (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Alex Becker (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 07/17/2022  
**Activity Location:** – 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, OH 45133, Highland County  
**Author:** SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

**Narrative:**

On July 17, 2022, at 0410 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) conducted an interview with Paint Creek Joint EMS Emergency Medical Technician Alex Becker (EMT Becker) regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on July 17, 2022, between the Highland County Sheriff's Office deputy(s) and Richard Poulin (Mr. Poulin). The Officer-Involved Critical Incident occurred in the roadway at 5760 US 62, Hillsboro, Ohio.

EMT Becker was identified as a paramedic who had some level of involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident by treating Mr. Poulin. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information known or observed by EMT Becker. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

EMT Becker has been an EMT for approximately five years and a firefighter for four years. EMT Becker stated that there was some confusion over the initial radio dispatch and that they (deputies) were asking for paramedic response. EMT Becker and his partner, Medic Anderson arrived on scene to find several deputies working on Mr. Poulin. EMT Becker observed what he described as a significant amount of blood. EMT Becker also stated that the deputies had attempted to control the bleeding and airway, by inserting a nasopharyngeal airway. EMT Becker and Medic Anderson moved Mr. Poulin into the squad. Before being moved, Mr. Poulin had some gurgling and agonal respirations. After being moved, he no longer had agonal respirations or a pulse. The medic crew then called in to Medical Control (Highland District

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Hospital) and jointly determined that the patient was not viable.

The deputies made no statements to EMT Becker, other than notification the patient had been shot and that medical care was given prior to their arrival. Dr. McKown (coroner's office) arrived and gave his assessment of the situation. No one else had been in the rear of the squad, other than Dr. McKown after the patient was pronounced.

The interview was concluded at 0415 hours.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-17 / Interview of Paramedic Alex Becker

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**