



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



2023-2210

Officer Involved Critical Incident - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Howland Township, OH 44484 Trumbull County

Investigative Activity: Documents and Reports Obtained from the Howland Township Police Department
Activity Date: November 3, 2023
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Cory Momchilov #64

Narrative:

Special Agent (SA) Cory Momchilov (Momchilov) obtained the following documents related to this investigation from the Howland Township Police Department.

- Howland Township Police Report [REDACTED] (Incident Report)
- Howland Township Fire Department/EMS Run Report
- Howland Township Police-Crime Scene Log from Incident
- Howland Township Police-Use of Force Policy

All documents obtained from the Howland Township Police Department are attached to this investigative report.

Attachments

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ADMINISTRATIVE	AGENCY NAME HOWLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT				*INCIDENT NUMBER-INVESTIGATIVE NUMBER [REDACTED]								
	CALL NUMBER		*GEO CODE 44484		*CLEARANCES								
	TOB 20:11	<input type="checkbox"/> INCIDENT (NON-CRIMINAL)			A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Death of Suspect G <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest - Juvenile								
	TOA 20:18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFFENSE			B <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution Declined H <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Issued								
TOC 09:00	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENT			C <input type="checkbox"/> In Custody of Other Jurisd. I <input type="checkbox"/> Invest Pending									
Printed: 09-12-2023 15:01				OHIO UNIFORM INCIDENT REPORT				*CLEARANCE DATE 08-23-2023 CLEARED BY					
MONTH		*REPORT DATE/TIME DAY YEAR		MONTH		*INCIDENT OCCURRED FROM DAY YEAR		MONTH		*INCIDENT OCCURRED TO DAY YEAR		TIME	
08		22 2023		08		22 2023		08		23 2023		09:00	
INCIDENT LOCATION (Street, Apt. City, State, Zip) [REDACTED] WARREN, OH 44484													



*OFFENSE	*OFFENSE CODE	*A/C	*F/M & DEG.	*HATE/BIAS	*LARCENY	*CNT	*TYPE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
1. KIDNAPPING	1. 2905.01(A)(1)	C	F1U	N		1	1 <u>N</u> 2. ___ 3. ___ (Enter up to three for each offense)
2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2. 2919.25(A)	C	M1U	N		1	1 <u>N</u> 2. ___ 3. ___ B - Buying/Rec.
3. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	3. 2919.25(C)	C	M4U	N		1	1 <u>N</u> 2. ___ 3. ___ C - Cultivating/Mfg./Pub.
4. _____	4. _____						2. ___ 3. ___ D - Distributing/Selling
5. _____	5. _____						1. ___ 2. ___ 3. ___ E - Exploiting Children
*LOCATION OF OFFENSE (Enter up to two)							

1. <u>01</u> 2. ___ RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE 01 Single Family Home 02 Multiple Dwelling 03 Residential Facility 04 Other Residential 05 Garage/Shed		COMMERCIAL LOCATIONS 15 Auto Shop 16 Financial Institution 17 Barber/Beauty Shop 18 Hotel/Motel 19 Dry Cleaners/Laundry 20 Professional Office 21 Doctor's Office 22 Other Business Office 23 Amusement Center 24 Rental Storage Facility 25 Other Commercial Service 56 ATM Machine Separate from Bank		RETAIL 26 Bar 27 Buy/Sell/Trade Shop 28 Restaurant 29 Gas Station 30 Auto Sales Lot 31 Jewelry Store 32 Clothing Store 33 Drugstore 34 Liquor Store 35 Shopping Mall 36 Sporting Goods 37 Grocery/Supermarket 38 Variety/Convenience 39 Department Store		OUTSIDE 43 Yard 44 Construction Site 45 Lake/Waterway 46 Fields/Woods 47 Street 48 Parking Lot 49 Park/Playground 50 Cemetery 51 Public Transit Vehicle 52 Other Outside Location 57 Camp/Campground 64 Rest Area		OTHER 53 Abandoned / Condemned Structure 55 Arena / Stadium Fairgrounds/Coliseum 58 Cargo Container 60 Dock/Wharf/Freight/ Modal Terminal 61 Farm Facility 62 Gambling Facility/ Casino/Race Track 63 Military Installation 65 Shelter-Mission/ Homeless 66 Tribal Lands 77 Other		*SUSPECTED OF USING <input type="checkbox"/> A ALCOHOL <input type="checkbox"/> D DRUGS <input type="checkbox"/> C COMPUTER EQUIPMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N NOT APPLICABLE	
*TYPE WEAPON/FORCE USED 1. <u>99</u> 2. ___ 3. ___ (Enter up to Three Codes)											

<input type="checkbox"/> FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> NO FORCE		<input type="checkbox"/> 01 MOTOR RUNNING/KEYS IN CAR <input type="checkbox"/> 02 UNLOCKED <input type="checkbox"/> 03 DUPLICATE KEY USED <input type="checkbox"/> 04 WINDOW BROKEN <input type="checkbox"/> 05 TOWED		<input type="checkbox"/> 06 HOT WIRE <input type="checkbox"/> 07 SLIM JIM/COAT HANGER <input type="checkbox"/> 08 TUMBLERS REMOVED <input type="checkbox"/> 09 COLUMN PEELED <input type="checkbox"/> 10 IGNITION PEELED		ENTRY EXIT ENTRY EXIT ENTRY EXIT <input type="checkbox"/> 1. BASEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. DOOR <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2. 1st FLOOR <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2. WINDOW <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2. SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3. 2nd FLOOR <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3. GARAGE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3. REAR <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 4. OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 4. SKYLIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 4. ROOF <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 5. OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 5. OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	
METHODS OF OPERATION						CARGO THEFT <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	

*NO. 1	*TOTAL VICTIMS 3	*VICTIM TYPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> B BUSINESS	<input type="checkbox"/> F FINANCIAL INSTITUTION <input type="checkbox"/> G GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> P POLICE OFFICER (IN THE LINE OF DUTY) <input type="checkbox"/> R RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION	<input type="checkbox"/> S SOCIETY <input type="checkbox"/> U UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> O OTHER
NAME (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]							PHONE
ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip) [REDACTED] WARREN, OH 44484							PHONE
EMPLOYER NAME AND (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip) ADDRESS							
*AGE/D.O.B. 20	*SEX M	*RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U	HEIGHT 600	WEIGHT 230	HAIR BRO	EYES BLU	
OCCUPATION			*RESIDENT STATUS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> TOURIST	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICTIM INJURED		IF INJURED DESCRIBE INJURIES UNKNOWN					
*AGG. ASLT/HOMICIDE CIR.			*VICTIM/SUSPECT RELATIONSHIP 0 ___ 1 <u>SB</u> 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___		*VICTIM/OFFENSE LINK 2905.01(A)(1) / 2919.25(A)		
My signature verifies that the information on this report is accurate and true							DATE

REPORTING OFFICER BRANCACCIO, NICHOLAS	BADGE NO. 421	DATE 08-22-2023
APPROVING OFFICER SESCOURKA, JEFF	BADGE NO. 413	DATE 08-24-2023
<input type="checkbox"/> FOLLOW UP	If yes, follow-up assignment	
ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICTIM/WITNESS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT/ARRESTEE	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NARRATIVE
	<input type="checkbox"/> STATEMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER	FORM RECEIVED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> INTELLIGENCE <input type="checkbox"/> RECORDS
	SPECIAL COPIES	

INCIDENT NUMBER
23-07011

INCIDENT REPORT - PART 2

INCIDENT NUMBER: [REDACTED]

OFFENSE: **KIDNAPPING** INCIDENT DATE/TIME: **08-22-2023 20:11**

REPORTEE

NO. **1** NAME (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED] *AGE/D.O.B. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip) [REDACTED] **WARREN, OH 44484** PHONE [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip) [REDACTED] PHONE [REDACTED]

STATEMENTS OBTAINED TYPE WRITTEN ORAL TAPED OTHER

VEHICLE

CHECK CATEGORIES STOLEN RECOVERED IMPOUNDED RECEIVED SUSPECT'S VEHICLE VICTIM'S VEHICLE UNAUTH. USE ABANDONED

NO. DAMAGE TO VEHICLE LIC LIS LIY LIT VIN/OAN *VALUE

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

VYR VMA VMO VST VCO TOP BOTTOM VEHICLE LOCKED KEYS IN VEHICLE HOLD VEHICLE RELEASE CONTENTS

VEHICLE ASSOC W/ SUSPECT # VEHICLE ASSOC W/ VICTIM # VEHICLE TOWED TOWED BY OWNERSHIP VERIFIED BY: TAG RECEIPT TITLE BILL OF SALE OTHER

STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE ONLY NO. STOLEN AREA STOLEN: RESID. BUSINESS RURAL ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

AUTO INSURANCE NAME (Company) ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip) PHONE

MOTOR VEHICLE RECOVERY ONLY NO. RECOVERED DATE RECOVERED STOLEN IN YOUR JURISDICTION WHERE RECOVERED?

PROPERTY

*TYPE PROPERTY LOSS (Enter Code Below) 1 NONE 2 BURNED 3 COUNTERFEITED/FORGED 4 DESTROYED/DAMAGED/VANDALIZED 5 STOLEN/ETC. 6 SEIZED 7 RECOVERED 8 UNKNOWN P PHOTO E EVIDENCE TOTAL VALUE

*LOSS CODE	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	*PROP CODE	*VALUE
VICT. NO	VEH. NO	MAKE/BRAND	MODEL		DATE RECOVERED
	SERIAL NUMBER	NCIC NUMBER	OTHER NUMBER		

*LOSS CODE	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	*PROP CODE	*VALUE
VICT. NO	VEH. NO	MAKE/BRAND	MODEL		DATE RECOVERED
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	SERIAL NUMBER	NCIC NUMBER	OTHER NUMBER		

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|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| PROPERTY CODES:
EXCHANGE MEDIUMS
01 Money
02 Credit/Debit Card
03 Negotiable Instruments
04 Other Exchange Mediums
DOCUMENTS
05 Non-Negotiable Instruments
06 Personal Papers
07 Other Documents
VALUABLES
08 Jewelry/Precious Metals
09 Art Objects, Antiques | 10 Other Valuables
PERSONAL EFFECTS
11 Clothing/Furs
12 Purses/Handbags/Wallets
13 Other Personal Effects
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
14 Household Items
EQUIPMENT
15 Drug/Narcotic Equip.
16 Gambling Equipment
17 Computer Hardware/Soft.
18 Office Equipment
19 Stereo TV Equipment
20 Recordings - Audio Vis.
21 Sports Equipment | 22 Photographic Equipment
23 Farm Equipment
24 Heavy Construction/Industrial
25 Building Supplies
26 Tools
27 Vehicle Parts/Accessories
28 Aircraft Parts/Accessories
29 School Supplies
30 Artistic Supplies/Accessories
31 Camping/Hunting/Fishing Equipment/Supplies
32 Law Enforcement Equip.
33 Lawn/Yard/Garden Equip.
34 Logging Equipment
35 Medical/Medical Lab Equip. | 72 Musical Instruments
73 Portable Electronic Equip.
74 Watercraft Equip./Parts/ACC.
75 Other Equipment
CONSUMABLE ITEMS
30 Alcohol
31 Drugs/Narcotics
32 Consumable Goods
60 Chemicals
61 Crops
63 Explosives
65 Fuel
ANIMALS
33 Livestock
34 Household Pets | VEHICLES
35 Aircraft
36 Automobiles
37 Bicycles
38 Buses
39 Trucks
40 Trailers
41 Watercraft
42 Recreational Veh.
43 Other Motor Veh.
WEAPONS
44 Firearms
45 Other Weapons
64 Firearm Accessories | STRUCTURES
46 Single Occupancy
47 Other Dwellings
48 Commercial/Bus.
49 Indus./Mfg.
50 Public/Comm.
51 Storage
52 Other Structure
OTHER
53 Merchandise
54 Other Property
55 Pending Inventory
58 Identity-Intangible
71 Metals, Non-Precious |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|

(SEE NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT)

NARRATIVE

SUSPECT / ARREST SUPPLEMENT

ARRESTING AGENCY HOWLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT	INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]
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VICTIM FIFE, ROLAND JOSEPH	OFFENSE	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11
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NAME/DESCRIPTIVES	NO. 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADULT <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE	CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT <input type="checkbox"/> ARRESTEE <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT/ARRESTEE <input type="checkbox"/> RUNAWAY <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> CHARGES FILED
	NAME (Last, First, Middle) FIFE, RANDALL JOHN							
	ALIAS						GANG AFFILIATION	
	ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip) 3639 HIGHLAWN AVE SE, WARREN, OH 44484						PHONE	
	EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)						PHONE	
	PLACE OF BIRTH			D.L.#/STATE /		OCCUPATION/SCHOOL		
	*AGE/ D.O.B. 04-24-1988	AGE RANGE 35 - 35	*SEX M	*RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> U	*HEIGHT 505	*WEIGHT 230	HAIR BRO	EYES GRN
	MARITAL STATUS	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS						
	ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVES							
	SUSPECTED OF USING <input type="checkbox"/> ALCOHOL <input type="checkbox"/> DRUGS		POTENTIAL INJURIES?					
*RESIDENT STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> 1. RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> 2. TOURIST <input type="checkbox"/> 3. MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> 4. STUDENT <input type="checkbox"/> 5. OTHER (Explain) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 6. UNKNOWN								
*ARRESTEE WAS ARMED WITH								
ARRESTEE ARMED WITH 1. ___ 2. ___ 3. ___								
99 NONE		13B OTHER FULLY AUTOMATIC FIREARM		16 IMITATION FIREARM		50 POISON		
11 FIREARM		14 SHOTGUN		17 SIMULATED FIREARM		60 EXPLOSIVES		
12 HANDGUN		15 OTHER FIREARM		18 BB/PELLET GUN		65 FIRE/INCENDIARY DEVICE		
12A AUTOMATIC HANDGUN		15A SEMI-AUTOMATIC SPORTING RIFLE		20 KNIFE/CUTTING INSTRUMENT		70 DRUGS/NARCS/SLEEPING PILLS		
13 RIFLE		15B SEMI-AUTOMATIC ASSAULT FIREARM		30 BLUNT OBJECT		80 OTHER WEAPON		
13A FULLY AUTOMATIC		15C MACHINE PISTOL		35 MOTOR VEHICLE		U UNKNOWN		
40 PERSONAL WEAPON								

ASSOC. PERSONS	NAME	ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)	Phone
	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.

ARREST INFORMATION	*ARREST/OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	*ARREST/OFFENSE CODE	*F/M & DEGREE	*WARRANT #	*ARREST LARCENY TYPE	
	1.	1.	1.	1.	23A - POCKET PICKING 23B - PURSE SNATCHING	
	2.	2.	2.	2.	23C - SHOPLIFTING	
	3.	3.	3.	3.	23D - THEFT FROM BUILDING	
	4.	4.	4.	4.	23E - THEFT FROM COIN-OP MACH. 23F - THEFT FROM MOTOR VEH.	
	5.	5.	5.	5.	23G - MOTOR VEH. PARTS/ACCES. 240 - THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE 23H - OTHER	
	*ARREST DATE	TIME	ARREST LOCATION (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)			
	*INCIDENT TRACKING NUMBER	BOOKING NUMBER	*ARREST DISPOSITION			BAIL
	MIRANDA WITNESSED BY:					TIME READ
	<input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINTED	FINGERPRINT CARD NO.	<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS TAKEN	NO. TAKEN	PHOTO ID NO.	FBI/BCI#
MULTIPLE ARRESTEE SEGMENTS INDICATOR <input type="checkbox"/> COUNT ARRESTEE <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE INDICATOR <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			*ARREST TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLAINT <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/> ORDER OF PROTECTION			
<input type="checkbox"/> JUV. PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFIED		DATE/TIME NOTIFIED	NOTIFIED BY	*JUVENILE DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLED W/IN DEPT. <input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED TO OTHER AUTH.		

JUVENILE	PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE
	PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE

RUNAWAYS /MISSING	<input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS RUNAWAY/MISSING	DATE OF LAST CONTACT	DATE OF EMANCIPATION	NCIC#	DATE/TIME ENTERED
	LAST SEEN WEARING				

REPORTING OFFICER/ARRESTING OFFICER BRANCACCIO, NICHOLAS	BADGE NO. 421	DATE 08-22-2023
APPROVING OFFICER SESCOURKA, JEFF	BADGE NO. 413	DATE 08-24-2023
COURT	COURT DATE	

VICTIM / WITNESS SUPPLEMENT

INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]

VICTIM		OFFENSE		INCIDENT DATE/TIME	
FIFE, ROLAND JOSEPH		KIDNAPPING		08-22-2023 20:11	
*NO. 2	*TOTAL VICTIMS 3	*VICTIM TYPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> F FINANCIAL INSTITUTION <input type="checkbox"/> P POLICE OFFICER (IN THE LINE OF DUTY) <input type="checkbox"/> S SOCIETY <input type="checkbox"/> O OTHER		
		<input type="checkbox"/> B BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> G GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> R RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> U UNKNOWN			
NAME (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]					
ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)				PHONE [REDACTED]	
[REDACTED] WARREN, OH 44484					
EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)				PHONE	
ADDRESS					
*AGE/D.O.B. 58 [REDACTED]	*SEX F	*RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR GRY EYES U
OCCUPATION			*RESIDENT STATUS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> TOURIST <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICTIM INJURED	IF INJURED DESCRIBE INJURIES UNKNOWN				
*AGG. ASLT/HOMICIDE CIR.	*VICTIM/SUSPECT RELATIONSHIP			*VICTIM/OFFENSE LINK	
	0 __ 1 PA 2 __ 3 __ 4 __ 5 __			2905.01(A)(1) / 2919.25(C)	
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					DATE _____

VICTIM		OFFENSE		INCIDENT DATE/TIME	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
*NO. 3	*TOTAL VICTIMS 3	*VICTIM TYPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> F FINANCIAL INSTITUTION <input type="checkbox"/> P POLICE OFFICER (IN THE LINE OF DUTY) <input type="checkbox"/> S SOCIETY <input type="checkbox"/> O OTHER		
		<input type="checkbox"/> B BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> G GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> R RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> U UNKNOWN			
NAME (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]					
ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)				PHONE [REDACTED]	
[REDACTED] NILES, OH 44446					
EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)				PHONE	
ADDRESS					
*AGE/D.O.B. 19 [REDACTED]	*SEX F	*RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U	HEIGHT 507	WEIGHT 194	HAIR BRO EYES BRO
OCCUPATION			*RESIDENT STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOURIST <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICTIM INJURED	IF INJURED DESCRIBE INJURIES UNKNOWN				
*AGG. ASLT/HOMICIDE CIR.	*VICTIM/SUSPECT RELATIONSHIP			*VICTIM/OFFENSE LINK	
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					DATE _____

NO.	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	AGE/D.O.B.	
ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		PHONE	
EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		PHONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> STATEMENTS OBTAINED	TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/> TAPED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		

NO.	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	AGE/D.O.B.	
ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		PHONE	
EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		PHONE	
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NO.	NAME (Last, First, Middle)	AGE/D.O.B.	
ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		PHONE	
EMPLOYER NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		PHONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> STATEMENTS OBTAINED	TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/> TAPED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		

REPORTING OFFICER/ARRESTING OFFICER	BADGE NO.	DATE
BRANCACCIO, NICHOLAS	421	08-22-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	BADGE NO.	DATE
SESCOURKA, JEFF	413	08-24-2023

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]
OFFENSE KIDNAPPING	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11

VICTIM [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

On August 22, 2023 at approximately 8:11 pm Officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to a disturbance. While en route the caller, [REDACTED] whom was at the residence stated her boyfriends brother was going crazy. [REDACTED] stated her boyfriend [REDACTED] and his mother, [REDACTED] were downstairs.

Officers received a call from a third party caller, Maxine Fife, stating her brother has a gun in his hands . She stated her brother, Randall, is going to shoot [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] barricaded themselves in the rear bedroom on the east side of the residence. [REDACTED] went to the upstairs bedroom and hid underneath a bed, staying on the phone with dispatch. Dispatch advised barricaded subjects, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], also have a firearm in their possession. [REDACTED] advised dispatch Randall has a shotgun in his possession.

While en route, Ptl Brancaccio, advised dispatch to get Niles and Weathersfield units en route. Upon arrival Ptl Brancaccio, Ptl Martin from Weathersfield, and myself approached the South side of the residence with department issued rifles. While approaching the residence, I observed a mail in the south window with what appeared to be a shotgun in his hands. I advised Ptl Martin and Ptl Brancaccio.

The male opened the backdoor and a loud sound was heard. Due to the visibility issues of the residence from trees and brush, Officers returned to their cruisers. Officers from surrounding agencies arrived and a perimeter around the residence was established. I began calling out to Randall over my cruiser loud speaker. There was no response from Randall. Ptl Brancaccio contacted Chief Roberts and Asst. Chief Urso. Dispatch still had [REDACTED] on the line as well as [REDACTED] on a separate cell phone. [REDACTED] stated Randall was pacing in the living room and singing that he was crazy. He stated good people have to die.

I attempted to call [REDACTED] via cell phone but had no answer. Dispatch advised me a phone number for Randall. I made contact with Randall and asked him if he could tell me whats going on inside of the residence. He responded " I think you know whats going on here" and hung up the phone. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were advised not to leave their barricaded positions. Randall closed the blinds to all windows in the residence. Dispatch continued getting information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Randalls position in the residence. I continued to call Randall out of the residence over my cruiser loud speaker. Officers began

REASON CLEARED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF OFFENDER	<input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM REFUSED TO COORP.	<input type="checkbox"/> ARREST - JUVENILE	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	DATE CLEARED
	<input type="checkbox"/> PROSECUTION DECLINED	<input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE/NO CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT ISSUED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED	08-23-2023
	<input type="checkbox"/> EXTRADITION DENIED	<input type="checkbox"/> ARREST - ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> INVEST. PENDING	<input type="checkbox"/> INVEST. PENDING	
REPORTING OFFICER	MCDANIELS, B			BADGE NO.	DATE
				435	08-23-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
				413	08-24-2023

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER ██████████
VICTIM FIFE, ROLAND JOSEPH	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11
OFFENSE KIDNAPPING	

attempting to evacuate nearby residences. Officers could continue to see Randall pace throughout the living room and kitchen. ██████ stated Randall was talking to himself but she couldn't understand him. The Crisis Response Team and Negotiators Unit were called to the scene. Negotiators attempted to call Randall out of the residence but were unsuccessful. Chief Roberts and Asst Chief Urso arrived on scene and established with the CRT Command Post. ██████ stated Randall told her not to move outside of the bedroom. ██████ and ██████ phone died. CRT continues to call Randall out of the residence while establishing a perimeter as of 5:16 am. At approximately 7:15 am, CRT officers breached the residence. Randall fired shots at Officers. Randall was stuck by gunfire. Randall was transported to St Joes by Howland Fire and life flighted to St E's.

Officers on scene: Chief Roberts, Asst Chief Urso, Ptl Mahan, Ptl Brancaccio, Ptl Ebert, Ptl McDaniels, Weathersfield PD, Liberty PD, OSP, CRT, Hubbard PD, Niles PD

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PROSECUTION DECLINED	<input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE/NO CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT ISSUED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED	08-23-2023
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REPORTING OFFICER	MCDANIELS, B			BADGE NO.	DATE
				435	08-23-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
				413	08-24-2023

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]
VICTIM [REDACTED]	OFFENSE KIDNAPPING
	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

On August 23, 2023 Officers consulted with Prosecutor(s), The following charges were filed:

- 2905.01 Kidnapping (F1) 3 counts
- 2919.25 Domestic Violence (M1)
- 2919.25 Domestic Violence (M4)

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REPORTING OFFICER	MCDANIELS, B			BADGE NO.	DATE
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NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		INCIDENT NUMBER ██████████
VICTIM ██████████	OFFENSE KIDNAPPING	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11

On the listed date and time, officers were dispatched to ██████████ ██████████ for a report of a disturbance with a male armed with a firearm. TC 911 Center advised that Randall Fife (Suspect #1) was armed with a shotgun inside of the residence and was making threats towards family members inside of the home. ██████████ (Victim) advised that she had barricaded herself in the upstairs bedroom and was currently hiding underneath the bed, ██████████ (Victim) and ██████████ (Victim) were barricaded in a downstairs bedroom and one of the two was also armed with a handgun. Maxine Fife (Caller) also contacted 911 Center to advise of the situation. Officers were advised that Randall made threats to kill his mother and brother and a comment was made in reference to shooting police officers.

Due to Randall being armed with a shotgun and numerous parties having to barricade themselves inside of the home, I, Ptl. Brancaccio, requested assistance from Weathersfield Township Police Department and Niles Police Department. Ptl. McDaniels, Ptl. Martin (WPD), and myself arrived on scene and staged our patrol vehicles south of the residence. Officers were armed with department issued rifles and began to approach the residence on the south side of the home, walking towards the rear of the residence. While approaching the home, I observed Randall Fife walking towards the back of the residence with a large object in his hand which appeared to be a shotgun or long rifle, officers then heard what was believed to be Randall exiting the backdoor of the residence. Due to Randall being armed with a firearm and officers being exposed in the open of the residence without cover, officers retreated from the residence. I advised TC 911 Center of the updated situation and requested available units to assist in forming a perimeter. While forming an initial perimeter, I observed Randall quickly close the curtains to the living room area forcing officers to lose a line of sight into the home. Officers were only able to see into the residence through a kitchen window. I requested Howland Fire Department to stage at Station 31 fire station (Ridge Rd.), Maxine was also requested to stage at the fire department to speak with incoming command units.

Additional responding units arrived on scene and a perimeter was formed. Officers formed a perimeter on the southern side of the residence (nearby neighbor's property), east of the residence in the backyard of the residence, additional units of the northern side of the property (Woodbine) and directly west of the residence on Highlawn Ave. I requested that available units also begin to evacuate civilians from nearby homes. I then requested TC 911 Center to provide officers with Randall's phone number so that contact could be made. Ptl. McDaniels briefly made contact with Randall via public service, ultimately, Randall hung up the phone and stopped answering phone calls. I then

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PROSECUTION DECLINED	<input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE/NO CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT ISSUED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED	08-23-2023
	<input type="checkbox"/> EXTRADITION DENIED	<input type="checkbox"/> ARREST - ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> INVEST. PENDING	<input type="checkbox"/> INVEST. PENDING	
REPORTING OFFICER	BRANCACCIO, NICHOLAS			BADGE NO.	DATE
				421	08-23-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
				413	08-24-2023

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER ██████████
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VICTIM FIFE, ROLAND JOSEPH	OFFENSE KIDNAPPING	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11
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requested Ptl. McDaniels to make announcements on his cruiser's PA System requesting Randall to exit the home, once again, Randall refused to comply. I requested TC 911 Center to contact Chief Roberts and Assistant Chief Urso, CRT was also contacted and activated.

It should also be noted that ██████ and ██████ had both called into TC 911 Center and were consistently on the phone with call takers and providing up to date information. At one point, ██████ requested to exit where she was barricaded, I advised ██████ that officers could not see into the home and were unaware of Randall's location inside of the home. ██████ also stated that she was underneath the upstairs bed and was stuck and unable to free herself to self evacuate. Ptl. Rankin (Liberty), Ptl. Walla (Liberty), Ptl. McDaniels, and myself were on perimeter in front of the residence and had a line of sight into the living room area where officers observed Randall pacing back and forth. At one point, ██████ stated that Randall knocked on the bedroom door and advised ██████ to stay where she was at. Randall was also overhead stating that "all good people have to die."

Officers stood by on perimeter until relieved by CRT members. Officers assisted throughout the night in updating units in reference to previous history with Randall and the layout of the home. At approximately 0700 hours, the rear entrance (kitchen area) was explosive breached by CRT, shortly after, officers heard an exchange of gunfire. Howland Fire Department was requested and escorted by remaining officers, officers located wounded CRT members and assisted fire department personnel. Officers also stood by at the rear and front entrances to the residence and secured the active crime scene.

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REPORTING OFFICER	BRANACCIO, NICHOLAS			BADGE NO.	DATE
				421	08-23-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
				413	08-24-2023

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]
VICTIM [REDACTED]	OFFENSE KIDNAPPING
	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11

On August 22, 2023 at approximately 8:11 pm Officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in reference to a disturbance.

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REPORTING OFFICER	MCDANIELS, B			BADGE NO.	DATE
				435	08-23-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
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NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

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OFFENSE KIDNAPPING

INVESTIGATIVE

08/23/23
0730 hrs.

I, Ptl. Wert, responded to our department in reference to the disturbance call on [REDACTED]. Multiple family members from inside the residence were transported to the department, by Howland officers, to be interviewed by investigators. Other family and friends began to gather at our department as well. I stood by with detectives Edmundson and Stephens, and the BCI investigator (S.A. Goudy) to assist until interviews were complete. All subjects were escorted out of the department when interviews were complete and I cleared.

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REPORTING OFFICER	WERT, JORDAN			BADGE NO.	DATE
				443	08-23-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
				413	08-24-2023

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]
OFFENSE KIDNAPPING	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11

VICTIM
[REDACTED]

8-23-23/0715 hrs- I was advised by Det. Jeff Edmundson regarding this incident, that there has been a domestic incident standoff with a male, which led to the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (CRT) making entry into the residence; and CRT being involved in an Officer Involved Shooting. I was advised that the male subject was shot and possibly multiple Officers were shot. I arrived at [REDACTED] at approximately 0725 hrs after the scene was already secured. Officer Nico Brancaccio provided a Howland PD Crime Scene log, which I provided to Officer Jeff Spatar, who was maintaining perimeter of the interior crime scene and the front of the house. Off. Spatar maintained the crime scene log. I was advised that the Ohio Bureau of Crime and Investigation (BCI) were already in route and going to handle the investigation and crime scene processing. I stood by and spoke to BCI Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk who confirmed that BCI was handling the investigation and crime scene processing. I provided SA Harasimchuk Detectives' contact information for our department to assist as needed. I did not enter the interior crime scene. I cleared [REDACTED] (approx. 0945 hrs) and arrived at our department to assist BCI SA Joseph Goudy if needed. SA Goudy interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in our interview room. SA Goudy concluded and all parties were clear from our department at approximately 1200 hrs. Detectives provided our contact information to SA Goudy to contact if needed. Report on file.

8-28-23/0900 hrs- I received a voice message left by Maxine Fife (Randall's sister) Ph# [REDACTED] stating that the family has observed a bullet inside the home possibly from this incident. I called BCI Investigator Joseph Goudy Ph# 614 208-3009 to advised of the possible evidence for their investigation. SA Goudy requested that our department photograph the bullet, if needed, and collect the bullet to be logged into evidence. I advised that we would make arrangements with Maxine and collect the evidence for BCI to pick up at a later date.

-1045 hrs- I called Maxine Ph# [REDACTED] who stated that Serve Pro was at [REDACTED] and advised her that they believed that an unknown small object, possibly a bullet was found still at the residence regarding this incident. I made arrangements with Maxine to meet her at the residence at 1200 hrs to look at the object and collect it, if needed.

-1200 hrs- I arrived at [REDACTED] and met with Maxine Fife (d.o.b. [REDACTED]). Maxine showed me a live .22 cal. bullet that on a wooden living-room entertainment cabinet where their tv previously sat. Maxine stated that the television was recently moved due to cleaning the interior of the residence and the live bullet was observed. I advised Maxine that the live bullet

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REPORTING OFFICER	STEPHENS, SEAN		BADGE NO.	429	DATE
					08-23-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF		BADGE NO.	413	DATE
					08-24-2023

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]
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VICTIM
[REDACTED]

is not related to this investigation and could be disregarded. Maxine did not have anything further to add to this report.

REASON CLEARED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF OFFENDER <input type="checkbox"/> PROSECUTION DECLINED <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRADITION DENIED	<input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM REFUSED TO COORP. <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE/NO CUSTODY <input type="checkbox"/> ARREST - ADULT	<input type="checkbox"/> ARREST - JUVENILE <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT ISSUED <input type="checkbox"/> INVEST. PENDING	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/> INVEST. PENDING	DATE CLEARED 08-23-2023
REPORTING OFFICER STEPHENS, SEAN	BADGE NO. 429	DATE 08-23-2023		
APPROVING OFFICER SESCOURKA, JEFF	BADGE NO. 413	DATE 08-24-2023		

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Investigative Narrative..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INCIDENT NUMBER [REDACTED]
VICTIM [REDACTED]	INCIDENT DATE/TIME 08-22-2023 20:11

OFFENSE
KIDNAPPING

8-23-23

0635: I received a call from Chief Roberts, advising of a standoff situation with an armed suspect on [REDACTED]. He told me to respond to the scene and assist.

0655: I arrived on scene and met with Chief Roberts and Assistant Chief Urso. They advised that CRT had just made entry into the home and gunfire was exchanged between the suspect (Randal Fife) and CRT members inside. Members of CRT had been struck by bird shot from a shotgun and had been transported to the hospital for minor injuries. Fife had been shot as well and was transported to the hospital with an unknown life status.

0710: I was approached by members of CRT, advising that one of the team members had been struck by bird shot during the entry and needed to go to the hospital. They asked if I could photograph his injuries before he left the scene for treatment. I brought the team member ([REDACTED] Boardman PD) to my car and photographed his injuries. I took overall photographs from head to toe, front and back and up close photographs of his left arm and left leg where he had been struck. He then left the scene to go to the hospital.

0800: I returned to HPD with uniformed Howland officers and the witnesses from inside the home. The witnesses were separated at HPD until SA Joseph Goudy from BCI later arrived and they were interviewed individually by Goudy.

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REPORTING OFFICER	EDMUNDSON, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
				432	08-24-2023
APPROVING OFFICER	SESCOURKA, JEFF			BADGE NO.	DATE
				413	08-24-2023



Howland Township Fire Department

169 Niles-Cortland Rd. NE
Warren, Ohio 44484

INCIDENT

Incident Number ██████████	Incident Date 08/22/2023	NFIRS Number ██████████	Incident Type (321) - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	
FDID 78121	Station Station 31	Shift B-Shift	District 31	
Initial Dispatch Code _____				
Alarms 1	Working Fire? No	COVID-19 was a factor No, COVID-19 was not a factor	Critical Incident No	Critical Incident Team No
Temporary Resident Involvement _____				
Hazardous Materials Released _____				
Action Taken 1 (34) - Transport person				
Action Taken 2 (33) - Provide advanced life support (ALS)				
Action Taken 3 (911) - All Call Station Coverage				

AID

Aid Given/Received
(N) - None

LOCATION

Location Type (1) - Street address			
Address ██████████ Warren, Ohio, 44484			
Cross Street, USNG, or Directions _____	Latitude 41.20640596	Longitude -80.77847612	Census Tract _____
Detector Altered Occupant _____			
Property Use (419) - 1 or 2 family dwelling	Mixed Use		

TIMES

PSAP Received 20:27:28, 08/22/2023	Dispatch Notified Time 06:44:59, 08/23/2023	Alarm Time 20:28:10, 08/22/2023
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TIMES

Arrival Time <u>20:35:00, 08/22/2023</u>	Water on Fire Time _____	At Patient Time _____
Loss Stop Time _____	Controlled Time _____	Last Unit Cleared Time <u>07:14:53, 08/23/2023</u>
Total On Scene Time <u>10 hrs 39 mins 53 sec</u>	Total Incident Time <u>10 hrs 47 mins 25 sec</u>	

COUNTS

Counts Include Aid Received?
No

Suppression:		EMS:		Other:	
Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

AUTHORIZATION

Report Writer:

Name <u>LUMAN, THEODORE</u>	Employee Number <u>LUMA01</u>	Assignment <u>Station 30</u>	Authorization Date <u>08/23/2023</u>
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Officer in Charge:

Name <u>PACE, RAYMOND</u>	Employee Number <u>102</u>	Assignment <u>Station 30</u>	Authorization Date <u>08/23/2023</u>
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Quality Control:

Name <u>MORGAN, JEFFREY</u>	Authorization Date <u>09/01/2023</u>
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INCIDENT NARRATIVE

FD responded to a reported EMS call for a mentally disturbed person. The scene initially was a supposed hostage situation and police agencies had requested FD personnel to stage in the area. FD complied and awaited further instructions. FD was requested at the scene for the use of ladders and additional equipment, but remained on standby until situation was diffused. FD stood by for approximately 10 hours when entry was made by police agencies. During the breach of the residence injuries had occurred and all patients were transported to the hospital. See electronic patient care reports for further information.

Created By: LUMAN, THEODORE

Unit Reports

M302

Use <u>(2) - EMS</u>	Responding From <u>Station 30</u>	Priority <u>Emergent</u>
Response Delays <u>None/No Delay</u>		
Dispatch Time <u>06:44:59, 08/23/2023</u>	Enroute Time <u>06:45:11, 08/23/2023</u>	Arrival Time <u>06:51:26, 08/23/2023</u>
At Patient Time _____	Clear Time <u>07:07:33, 08/23/2023</u>	In District Time _____

M302

Actions Taken:

Provide manpower

Personnel

TIMOTHY GRANTZ, CAMERON GEARHART

M301

Use (2) - EMS	Responding From Station 30	Priority Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 06:37:02, 08/23/2023	Enroute Time 06:37:09, 08/23/2023	Arrival Time 06:45:00, 08/23/2023
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 07:07:36, 08/23/2023	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

Transport person, Provide advanced life support (ALS)

Person 1: CLARK, WILLIAM "Billy"

Patient Contact? Yes	Medical PPE Worn Gloves
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Person 2: STELK, SHANE

Action Taken 1

(33) - Provide advanced life support (ALS)

Patient Contact? Yes	Medical PPE Worn Gloves
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CH31

Use (0) - Other	Responding From On the air out of District	Priority Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 21:09:35, 08/22/2023	Enroute Time 21:09:41, 08/22/2023	Arrival Time 21:19:51, 08/22/2023
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 07:07:39, 08/23/2023	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

Incident command

Personnel

RAYMOND PACE

M32

Use (2) - EMS	Responding From Station 32	Priority Emergent
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M32

Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time <u>21:07:07, 08/22/2023</u>	Enroute Time <u>21:07:07, 08/22/2023</u>	Arrival Time <u>21:17:03, 08/22/2023</u>
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At Patient Time _____	Clear Time <u>07:07:00, 08/23/2023</u>	In District Time _____
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Actions Taken:
Provide manpower

Personnel
NICHOLAS SCHRECKENGOST, RANDY STOTTLEMIRE

M30

Use <u>(2) - EMS</u>	Responding From <u>Station 30</u>	Priority <u>Emergent</u>
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time <u>20:28:10, 08/22/2023</u>	Enroute Time <u>20:28:10, 08/22/2023</u>	Arrival Time <u>20:35:00, 08/22/2023</u>
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At Patient Time _____	Clear Time <u>07:14:53, 08/23/2023</u>	In District Time _____
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Actions Taken:
Provide manpower

Person 1: BLOOM, KEVIN

Action Taken 1
(73) - Provide manpower

Patient Contact? <u>Yes</u>	Medical PPE Worn <u>Gloves</u>
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Person 2: DURIG, SETH

R30

Use <u>(1) - Suppression</u>	Responding From <u>Station 30</u>	Priority <u>Emergent</u>
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time <u>20:28:10, 08/22/2023</u>	Enroute Time <u>20:28:10, 08/22/2023</u>	Arrival Time <u>21:23:30, 08/22/2023</u>
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At Patient Time _____	Clear Time <u>07:07:31, 08/23/2023</u>	In District Time _____
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Actions Taken:
Incident command, Provide manpower

Personnel
THEODORE LUMAN

M31

Use <u>(2) - EMS</u>	Responding From <u>Station 31</u>	Priority <u>Emergent</u>
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time <u>20:28:10, 08/22/2023</u>	Enroute Time <u>20:28:10, 08/22/2023</u>	Arrival Time <u>21:12:25, 08/22/2023</u>
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At Patient Time <u></u>	Clear Time <u>07:13:53, 08/23/2023</u>	In District Time <u></u>
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Actions Taken:
Transport person, Provide advanced life support (ALS)

Person 1: DURIG, NATE

Person 2: GRAF, NICHOLAS

Action Taken 1
(33) - Provide advanced life support (ALS)

Patient Contact? <u>Yes</u>	Medical PPE Worn <u>Gloves</u>
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HOWLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME SCENE PERSONNEL LOG



Date: 8-23-23 CASE# 23-07011

Location: [REDACTED]

This form is for ANYONE entering or exiting the scene area once a Crime Scene is established. On a separate form list anyone present at the scene prior to it being established (WITNESS, EMS, MEDIA, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SUSPECT, ETC.)

FIRST OFFICER ON SCENE: _____ Weather Conditions: _____

Time Log established: 0725 Established by: ^(Print Name and ID Number) PR SPATAR Department: HOWLAND

Officers Name PRINT / Rank, First & Last	Department Unit ID#	Reason for Presence On Scene	Time In	Time Out	Log Officers Initials
Assistant Chief Steve Farley	104	Shield			JS
Deputy Jacob Delay		Pen / Piy Bar			JS
PR. S. WARDEN	434	REAR DOOR	0700		JS
PR. SPATAR	423	FRONT DOOR	0700		JS
D/S S O HW KUBF 1072		CRT	0811	0822	JS
Sgt. J. [REDACTED]	111-37	CRT	0811	0822	JS
PTM [REDACTED]	WPD - [REDACTED]	CRT	0811	0822	JS
James Infante	1006 WARDEN	REMOVE DOGS	0836	0850	JS
BRIAN BUTLER	1072 YPD	OIS	0849	0900	JS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] YPD	OIS	0849	0900	JS
Brad Blackburn	1041 YPD	OIS	0849	0900	JS
Seamus Cadogan	1127 YPD	OIS	0849	0900	JS
Jose Morales	1121 YPD	OIS/IA	0850	0900	JS
Sharon COLE	1092 YPD	OIS/IA	0850	0900	JS
Sgt Mark Krumpal	WPD 4696	IA	0852	0900	JS
PTL Greg Miller	YPD 1052	CSU	0913	0928	JS
BRIAN BUTLER	YPD 1072	OIS	0918	0928	JS
PTL [REDACTED]	YPD [REDACTED]	CRT	0919	0928	JS
Sharon COLE	YPD 1092	IA	0919	0928	JS
Jose Morales	YPD 1121	IA	0919	0928	JS

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PRE- CRIME SCENE PERSONNEL LOG



Date: _____ CASE # _____
Location: _____

This form is for ANYONE present at the scene prior to it being established (WITNESS, EMS, MEDIA, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SUSPECT, ETC.)

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**Howland Police Department
General Order #104**

Section 104: Use of Force

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Chief Nick L. Roberts

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General Order

SUBJECT: USE OF FORCE

This Order consists of the following sections:

- 104.1 Progressive Use of Force
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The Howland Police Department adheres to applicable Federal, State and local laws.

104.1 Progressive Use of Force

I. Definitions

- A. Force -- conduct on the part of a police employee that is designed to assist the employee in controlling a situation or the actions or behavior of a person or persons.
- B. Progressive force -- the escalation of force used by an employee in order to control a situation or the actions of persons, from minimal to maximum (i.e., verbal force, physical force, intermediate force, firearm).
- C. Less lethal weapon -- any weapon, other than a firearm, used to control persons or to defend an employee from harm. Examples of less lethal weapons are baton, OC spray and Taser. Handcuffs are not considered a weapon but rather a restraining device. Flashlights and knives are tools for officers to use as needed and are not considered weapons.

II. General Policy

- A. This policy is for departmental use only and does not apply in any criminal or civil proceeding. This policy should not be considered as establishment of a higher legal standard of conduct for employees in case of third-party claims. Violations of this policy will only form the basis for departmental administrative sanctions. Violations of law will form the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in a recognized judicial setting.

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- B. Only employees specifically trained and certified by the Howland Police Department and authorized by law to affect an arrest, (i.e. officers), are authorized to use lethal or less lethal weapons.
- C. Police Department employees will use only the force necessary to accomplish lawful objectives, (i.e. reasonable to control a situation, affect an arrest, overcome resistance to arrest, or defend themselves from harm).
- D. When the use of force is necessary, the degree of force that is employed should be in direct relationship to the amount of resistance employed by the person or the immediate threat the person poses to the employee or others.
- E. The use of force by employees of the department will, whenever possible, be progressive in nature. This force may be in the form of advice, warnings, persuasion, verbal encounters, physical contact, use of baton or other less lethal weapons, or the use of deadly force.
- F. Employees must weigh the circumstances of each individual case and employ only that amount of force that is necessary and reasonable to control the situation or persons. No employee will use unreasonable or excessive force toward any person.

III. Use of Verbal Force

- A. In dealing with people, each employee must attempt to inspire, respect, and generate cooperation and approval of the public. Employees will be courteous and civil in their relationships with the public.
- B. The manner in which an employee speaks can be an effective means of exerting verbal force in order to control a situation.
 - 1. Verbal force may be in the form of warnings, advice, or persuasion. Volume and tone control may in and of itself be progressive in nature depending upon circumstances.
 - 2. By using reasonable and necessary verbal force, employees may not have to resort to the use of other forms of force.

IV. Use of Physical Force

- A. Physical force involves actual physical bodily contact with a person and forcibly subduing that individual until resistance is overcome. Physical force excludes the use of weapons or objects that could be used as weapons such as a flashlight, etc.
- B. In no instance will employees use physical force in excess of that which is reasonable and necessary to lawfully and properly neutralize an unlawful assault or overcome resistance by a person being taken into custody.

V. Intermediate Force

- A. Intermediate force involves the use of less lethal weapons against a person and forcibly subduing that individual with the assistance of these weapons until resistance is overcome.
- B. The baton, OC and the Taser are less lethal weapons that are available to employees of the department and these weapons will be used in accordance with current established departmental training standards.
- C. Any other less lethal object that an employee uses to assist in subduing an individual will for the purpose of this policy be considered intermediate force (i.e., flashlight or portable radio).
- D. The use of intermediate force will be restricted to quelling physical confrontations where lesser verbal or physical force would be or have been ineffective or inappropriate.

VI. Deadly Force

Deadly force may be invoked as outlined in Section 104.2.

104.2 Use of Deadly Force in Defense of Human Life

Deadly force may be used by employees when they reasonably believe that the action is in defense of human life, including the employee's own life, or in defense of any person in imminent danger of serious physical harm.

- A. Reasonable belief exists when a prudent man with the employee's training, expertise, knowledge, and experience would arrive at the same conclusion.
- B. Serious physical harm to persons means any physical harm that carries a substantial risk of death.
- C. Prohibition of choke holds – A choke hold is a physical maneuver that restricts an individual's ability to breathe for the purposes of incapacitation. Choke holds are prohibited except in those situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.

104.3 Restrictions on the Use of Firearms

I. Restrictions

- A. Warning – when officers are about to invoke deadly force, they will, when possible or practicable, issue a verbal warning to the suspect. In this warning, officers will identify themselves as police officers and instruct the suspect to cease or stop whatever action the suspect is doing that has caused the officer to consider the use of deadly force.
- B. Shoot to stop -- officers will fire their weapons not to kill, but rather to stop and incapacitate an assailant from completing a potentially deadly act as described in

this order. For maximum stopping effectiveness and minimal danger to innocent bystanders, officers should shoot at "center body mass."

- C. At or from moving vehicles - officers will not discharge a firearm at or from a moving vehicle except when all other reasonable means have been exhausted and it is necessary for the defense of the officers life or the life of another person, or the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the suspect poses a significant threat of death or serious physical harm to the officer or others.
- D. Risk to innocent bystanders -- when officers are about to discharge their firearms, they will be cognizant of their field of fire and will not unnecessarily create a substantial risk of harm to innocent persons.
- E. Warning shots -- officers may not discharge their firearm for the purpose of a warning shot.
- F. While under the influence of alcohol or drugs -- officers may not use or carry any firearm or dangerous ordnance while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- G. To destroy animals
 - 1. The killing of an animal is justified for (1) self defense, (2) to prevent substantial harm to the officer or others, (3) when the animal is so sick or badly injured that humanity requires its relief from further suffering.
 - 2. A seriously wounded, sick or injured animal may be destroyed only upon direction of a shift supervisor or OIC.

II. Safe Handling of Firearms

- A. Except for general maintenance, storage or authorized training, officers will not draw or exhibit their firearm unless circumstances create a strong suspicion to believe that it may be necessary to lawfully use the weapon in conformance with other sections of this policy.
- B. Officers will not point or direct their firearm at a person unless circumstances create a strong reasonable cause to believe that it may be necessary to lawfully use the weapon in conformance with other sections of this policy.
- C. Officers will not surrender their weapons to any person who is not a police officer for any reason except for maintenance at the police building or other designated place.
- D. Officers will secure and store weapons both on and off duty in such a way as to ensure no unauthorized person will have access to or gain control over the weapon.

III. Training Exercises

- A. Officers may discharge their firearm for the purpose of practice on the police department or other established shooting range.

- B. Officers will exercise all normal safety precautions and obey all appropriate rules or directives while practicing on the department range or any other established range.

104.4 Less Lethal Weapons

I. Less Lethal Weapons

- A. Officers will be issued and trained in the use of the Phase IV Pepper Spray and the ASP expandable straight baton.
- B. These less lethal weapons may be carried by officers at their discretion and may only be used in accordance with the provisions of this General Order and current established department training standards.
- C. Taser Electronic Control Device (ECD)

1. The Taser ECD is authorized to be used by officers certified in its operation. Use of this device is strictly limited to sworn officers who have received and passed the training and yearly re-certification. Such training will be conducted by certified instructors and the records maintained by the departments certified Taser Instructor under the direction of the Chief of Police. Each officer assigned a Taser will be responsible for the care and maintenance of these weapons. Any problems with a Taser should be immediately reported to the Assistant Chief or his designee. Tasers will be issued to all officers assigned to uniform duty and must be carried on the gun belt in the approved manner. The Assistant Chief of Police, (or his/her designee), will monitor the use of the Taser Cartridges and document which ones are in the field by their serial numbers being recorded on the Howland Police Department Taser Cartridges Placed in the Field form, located in the Howland Police Department Taser file in his/her office. While on duty, carrying the Taser ECD will be Mandatory for all road patrol officers that are certified & qualified to carry them.
2. The Taser will be used in accordance with the progressive use of force. The Taser is classified as less lethal Electronic Control Device that is designed to disrupt the sensory and motor nervous systems utilizing Electro-Muscular Disruption technology. It is not a means to punish or injure people but a tool to control and reduce the possibility of injury to all involved. It is also used to facilitate gaining control of resistive or combative subjects.
3. The Taser should only be used against subjects who are exhibiting active aggression or who are actively resisting in a manner that, in the officer's judgment, is likely to result in injuries to themselves or others. It may be used in circumstances to control subjects and prevent an escalation of violence. Use of the device is an alternative to other types of force such as baton or swarming techniques and may prevent the need to use deadly force. The Taser ECD is not a substitute for deadly force when such force is necessary and justified. A detailed Howland Police Department Incident Report and Howland Police Department Action-

Response Report will be completed any time the Taser is utilized against a person. All spent cartridges will be retained and logged as evidence. This does not apply to cartridges used for training purposes. Any time there is an accidental discharge of the Taser ECD, a memo shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police through the chain of command by the employee responsible for the accidental discharge.

4. Approved uses of this device are:
 - a. To disable and control subjects who are exhibiting active aggression or are actively resisting, when verbal commands have failed and the officer feels that the subject presents a risk of harm to himself or others if not restrained.
 - o Fleeing should not be the sole justification for using the Taser against a subject. Officers should consider the severity of the offense, the subject's threat level to others, and the risk of serious injury to the subject before deciding to use the Taser on a fleeing subject.
 - b. To extract non cooperative prisoners from department holding cells in a barricade situation or where the prisoner exhibits violent tendencies.
 - c. To disarm and control subjects in a situation that may escalate to deadly force. This could include but is not limited to persons holding themselves hostage with knives or other sharp instruments, blunt weapons, or martial arts practitioners. It is not advisable to use against persons armed with firearms or threatening others with edged weapons.
 - d. Other circumstances where the use of the weapon is likely to assist officers in gaining control of resistive or combative subjects.
5. Not approved uses:
 - a. Against young children, pregnant women (known pregnancy), and elderly.
 - b. Against persons who are contaminated with flammable liquids.
 - c. Against anyone as a means of punishment.
 - d. Against any person who is on or near the edge of an area of height such as a roof top, balcony or bridge, (where a fall would result in serious injury).
 - e. In horseplay of any kind.

Subsections a & b may not apply if the use of the weapon can be justified as a means to reduce the chance of a higher level of force.

C. Prohibited Weapons

1. Brass knuckles, slappers, saps -- no member of the police department will carry or use at any time any weapon of the type commonly referred to as brass knuckles, slappers, saps or sap gloves.
2. Karate sticks -- no member of the police department will carry, have in their possession, or use any device known as a "Nanchaku," also called "Nunchuks" and karate sticks, while on duty or while working any special duty assignment.
3. Any other weapon, which could be considered as a defensive weapon unless approved by the Chief of Police.

II. Less Lethal Force Philosophy

A. Definitions

1. Less Lethal Force Philosophy--A concept of planning and force application, which meets operational objectives, with less potential for causing death or serious physical injury than conventional methods.
2. Safety Priorities--The Howland Township Police Department's safety priorities at the scene of a critical incident shall be as follows:
 1. Hostages
 2. Innocent civilians
 3. Police officers
 4. Subjects (either criminal or otherwise who are the focus of the police operation)

104.5 Medical Treatment After Use of Force

- A. Officers will make medical treatment available to all persons who exhibit evidence of injury following any use of force.
- B. If a prisoner is ambulatory and/or still resisting, the prisoner will be transported to the hospital emergency room by at least two officers.
- C. If a prisoner is unconscious, seriously injured, or claims serious injury or incapacitation, EMS will be called to the scene. If the prisoner is removed to the hospital by paramedics, at least one officer will accompany them. If possible, at least one officer will ride in the medic unit.
- D. Prisoners being transported to the hospital for treatment will be secured with handcuffs and other restraints to the extent that their injury permits.
- E. An on-duty supervisor will be called to the scene any time a use of force results

in the need for medical treatment.

- F. If a Taser ECD is utilized and the probes are still imbedded, they will be removed by paramedics at the scene or by medical personnel at the hospital and then retained and logged as evidence by the police. Photos will be taken of the area(s) of the body in which the probes impacted and any injuries sustained as the result of the use of the Taser. Any time the probes are imbedded in the face, neck, groin or breast, (females), the subject will be transported to the hospital for treatment.
- G. EMS will be called to the scene to evaluate the subject, and a supervisor shall be notified, when any of the following occurs:
 - 1. Repeated and multiple Taser ECD applications
 - 2. Cycling time that exceeds 15 seconds in duration, whether the time is consecutive or cumulative
 - 3. Simultaneous applications by more than one Taser ECD

No medical treatment shall be required unless the subject exhibits symptoms deemed to require medical attention.

104.6 Use of Force Reporting

- A. Officers will include a detailed description of any use of physical force in the Howland Police Department Incident Report and the Howland Police Department Action-Response Report concerning the arrest of the prisoner who was forcibly subdued.
- B. Officers will complete a detailed Howland Police Department Incident Report and a Howland Police Department Action-Response Report any time they take action that results in or is alleged to have resulted in injury or death to another person.
- C. Officers will complete a detailed Howland Police Department Incident Report and a Howland Police Department Action-Response Report any time they utilize a less lethal weapon (including a K-9) against another person, whether or not injury results from such use. These reports are to be submitted prior to the end of shift.
- D. Officers discharging their firearms shall complete both a detailed Howland Police Department Incident Report and a Howland Police Department Action-Response Report regardless of whether it misses or caused death or injury to another person.
- E. Whenever an officer uses OC on a subject, the officer will be required to read the Howland Police Department OC Administrative Warning form to the subject with a witness present, (when available), complete the heading portion and question portion of the form and sign it, including the witnesses signature.
- F. Discharging Firearms Reports

1. Officers are required to report any deliberate or accidental discharge of firearms.
 - a. The officer will report the incident orally to their shift supervisor or OIC as soon as is practical after the incident in which the weapon was fired.
 - b. A detailed written report will be submitted by the officer involved prior to the end of the shift during which the firearm was discharged.
 - c. If the officer involved is injured or unable to make the report, the officer's shift supervisor or OIC will submit a written report prior to the end of the shift.
 - d. This report will be submitted to the Chief of Police and will include a Howland Police Department Action-Response Report, (if appropriate), as well as a detailed account of the incident in the Howland Police Department Incident Report. This rule does not apply to rounds fired at the range during regular practice unless an injury results from such discharge.
 2. A detailed Howland Police Department Incident report will be completed by the officer whenever he/she has cause to discharge a firearm to destroy a sick or injured animal. This Incident Report will be completed and approved by a shift supervisor prior to the end of the officer's watch.
- G. Whenever there is an accidental discharge of the M-26 or X-26 Taser where no one is hit by the barbs or shocked by the electric current, the officer responsible for the discharge will submit a memo to the Chief of Police through his/her chain of command outlining what occurred. This memo will then be placed in the officer's personnel file. If there is an accidental discharge and someone is hit by the barbs or shocked by the electric current, then a detailed Howland Police Department Incident Report is required.

104.7 Administrative Review of the Use of Force

- A. A Use of Force Review will be conducted in any incident that involves the use of force by an officer(s). The Use of Force Review will consist of a copy of the original incident report along with copies of required forms pertaining to specific types of force and any back-up information. The Use of Force Review, (above listed documents), will be submitted up the chain of command. Each level of command will review the use of force and make a recommendation as to compliance with policy. After review by the Chief of Police, the Use of Force Review will be filed in the Assistant Chief's Office.
- B. A complete investigation will be conducted into any accidental discharge of a firearm or any time an officer deliberately discharges a firearm in the line of duty, except when firing on the police range, unless an injury results from such discharge at the range. This includes both on duty and off duty incidents. Such

investigation will consist of:

1. On scene investigation by the officer's immediate supervisor.
 2. Investigation by Howland Police Department Professional Standards Investigator(s), when appropriate.
 3. On scene investigation by evidence technicians when appropriate.
 4. On scene investigation by detectives when appropriate.
- C. Scene commander - investigation commander: Officer-involved shooting scenes and investigations where there is an injury to another person or there is reason to believe a crime has been committed will be under the command of the Patrol and Detective Bureau supervisors. Should the Chief of Police or his designee deem it necessary, he may have an outside agency conduct, review or assume an investigation.
1. The Patrol supervisor will be in charge of the initial investigation and shooting scene until such time as the scene and investigation are formally turned over to the Detective Bureau.
 2. Once the scene is turned over to the Detective Bureau, responsibility for the Scene and investigation will rest with the Detective Bureau supervisor.
- D. Professional Standards investigator(s) will immediately be called to the scene of an all officer-involved shootings, except range training, unless an injury results from such discharge at the range, or to destroy an animal.
1. The Professional Standards investigator(s) will conduct an independent investigation into all circumstances surrounding the shooting incident. It will not, however, inhibit any criminal investigation which may be under way.
 2. The scene commander and all personnel at the scene of the shooting will cooperate fully with the Professional Standards investigator(s).
 3. The purpose of the Professional Standards investigation is to determine if the conduct of the officer(s) involved in the shooting incident conformed to the rules and order of the department concerning the use of firearms. Due to the possible serious consequences of discharging a firearm, a complete and thorough investigation is imperative.
- E. The Patrol Division and the Detective Bureau will continue to discharge their responsibilities as it relates to any criminal investigation at hand.
1. They will secure and process the scene, collect evidence, conduct interviews with witnesses, and generally fulfill their obligations as they would in any shooting investigation.

2. The Detective Bureau Investigators will be responsible to pursue prosecution of suspects involved in the shooting incident.
 3. If department personnel are to be charged with a crime as a result of a shooting incident, the detective bureau supervisor, under the direction of the Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief of Police, will pursue such prosecution.
 4. Copies of all investigative reports, sketches, pictures, etc., from the Patrol section and the Detective Bureau Investigators investigating officer-involved shootings will be forwarded up the chain of command and in turn to the Chief of Police as soon as possible.
 5. All officers and department personnel involved in the investigation of an officer-involved shooting will cooperate fully and completely with Professional Standards Investigators, sharing all information obtained during the course of their investigations.
- F. Completion of criminal investigation - after the criminal portion of the shooting investigation is completed by the Detective Bureau, the Chief of Police will confer with the Law Director, the Township Administrator, and the County Prosecutor. If appropriate, the findings of the investigation will be turned over to the County Grand Jury.
- G. Administrative Review of Shooting Incidents - Upon conclusion of the administrative investigation by an administrative investigator, the Chief of Police will convene the Shooting Review Board. The Shooting Review Board will consist of the police command staff. This Board will review the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident. The administrative investigator(s) will present the facts of the case to the Board. Upon review of the facts, the Board will make a recommendation to the Chief of Police as to whether the shooting incident was in compliance with department policy regarding the use of deadly force and firearms. The Board will also make recommendations for disciplinary action when appropriate.

H. Chief of Police Review of Incident

The Shooting Review Board will make recommendations to the Chief of Police regarding all shooting incidents. The Chief of Police will review the facts of the incident and the findings and recommendations of the Shooting Review Board. If it is determined by the Chief of Police that a shooting incident is not within policy and disciplinary action is warranted, the Chief of Police will pursue disciplinary action.

104.8 Removal from Line of Duty Assignment

- A. An officer whose action(s) or use of force in an official capacity results in death or serious physical injury will be removed from a line of duty assignment, pending an administrative review. This review includes a full investigation into

the incident by the police department.

- B. During the period of time an investigation into the incident is being conducted, the Chief of Police may, at his option, assign the officer involved to duty inside the building. Such relief from duty will not be considered a suspension or disciplinary action taken against the officer. This is an administrative course of action for the purpose of relieving the officer from further performance of field duties while undergoing the extreme emotional stress of having used deadly force, and permitting the police department time to conduct an objective investigation into the matter.
- C. The period of time spent on administrative leave or inside duty will be determined by the Chief of Police.

104.9 Authorized Weapons and Ammunition

Only weapons and ammunition authorized by the Howland Township Police Department shall be used by personnel in law enforcement responsibilities both on and off duty.

- A. The types and specifications of all tools and lethal and less lethal weapons approved for use are as follows:

- 1. Lethal Weapons

- Patrol/Detectives, (Based on completion of approved training)**

- Glock model 22 - .40 caliber
 - Glock model 27 - .40 caliber
 - Mosberg 500 12 gauge pump action shotgun
 - Remington 870 12 gauge pump action shotgun
 - Bushmaster M4 .223 caliber rifle
 - Colt M16 .223 caliber rifle
 - Ruger Mini 14 .223 caliber rifle

- 2. Less Lethal Weapons

- Patrol/Detectives Assigned to Uniform Duty, (Based on completion**

- Phase IV Pepper spray
 - ASP expandable straight baton
 - Taser ECD to be worn as part of the standard uniform

- 3. Tools

- Patrol/Detectives**

- Flashlight
 - Small utility knife, approved by the Shift Supervisor

4. Secondary Weapons

With the permission of the Chief of Police, officers may carry a second defensive firearm in addition to the standard duty weapon while on duty. The weapon must be registered with and inspected by the Firearms Officer(s) and the officer must have successfully fired a qualification course as established by the Firearms Training Officer(s). Upon completion of inspection and qualification, the Firearms Officer(s) will make a recommendation to the Chief of Police regarding approval. This defensive firearm must be carried in a concealed manner and used only when the primary weapon, (duty weapon), is inaccessible. Only departmentally approved and issued ammunition will be carried in these weapons.

- B. Officers of the Howland Township Police Department will be issued a Glock, model 22, .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. These weapons will be the standard uniformed duty weapons for all full-time officers of the department. Officers in plain clothes assignments will be issued the Glock, model 27, .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Plain clothes officers may also elect to carry an approved off-duty weapon. Part-time Officers will be responsible for purchasing and maintaining a semi-automatic pistol for duty use. The weapon must be registered with and inspected by the Firearms Officer(s) and the officer must have successfully fired a qualification course as established by the Firearms Training Officer(s). Upon completion of inspection and qualification, the Firearms Officer(s) will make a recommendation to the Chief of Police regarding approval. This weapon must be approved by the Chief of Police for use on duty.
- C. Township issued ammunition will be determined by the Chief of Police after receiving recommendations from the Firearms Instructor. Uniformed officers will be required to carry two fully loaded magazines for semi-automatics. Any changes in the type or caliber of ammunition issued will be announced in the form of a "Special Order."
- D. The Firearms Instructor will be responsible for the issuance of township firearms to individual officers. All maintenance requests and problems with township weapons should be directed to a Firearms Instructor.
- E. All officers who are issued township weapons are responsible to keep the weapon in good working order.
 - 1. Should the weapon be lost, stolen, damaged, or in any way rendered inoperative, it should be reported to the Chief of Police as soon as possible.
 - 2. Spare duty weapons will be kept in a locked locker in the armory. Such weapons shall be issued by the Firearms Instructor. When an officer is issued a replacement weapon, the officer shall fire a qualification course with the replacement weapon and obtain a passing score before being permitted to carry it. This will ensure the officer is familiar with that particular weapon, and that the weapon is in proper working order. This

course shall be fired under the direction of a Firearms Instructor.

3. No one is to work or permit anyone to work on a township weapon without permission of the Chief of Police. All services on all township weapons will be conducted through the Firearms Instructor with the consent of the Office of the Chief of Police.
- F. Off-Duty Firearms - under normal circumstances an officer will be encouraged, when in a public place, to carry an off-duty firearm, badge of authority, and official police identification card. With permission of the Chief, officers may carry personal weapons and ammunition while off duty. Such firearms must be registered with and inspected by the Firearms Instructor and the officer must have successfully fired a qualification course as established by the Firearms Instructor. Officers consuming alcohol and/or dangerous drugs while off duty and carrying their firearms shall exercise good judgment in doing so. Officers will be held accountable for their actions and at no time shall they permit their judgment or physical dexterity to become impaired by the consumption of alcohol and/or dangerous drugs.
- G. Officers are permitted to carry a small utility knife on their belt as long as it is concealed in a black leather case or completely concealed from view. This knife must be approved by the shift supervisor.

104.10 Special Weapons

Only officers demonstrating a proficiency in the use of agency authorized firearms are permitted to carry or use such weapons. Proficiency will be demonstrated by successfully completing a qualification course that will be determined by the Firearms Instructor in this Order. All qualification courses must be submitted to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council for certification as meeting state minimum training standards.

- I. Shotguns
- A. Shotguns for the Howland Township Police Department will be 12 gauge and the ammunition will be determined by the Chief of Police.
 - B. Extra shotguns and ammunition will be secured in the armory.
 1. Shotguns will be permitted to be left in unmarked vehicle trunks provided the vehicle is secured.
 2. Shotguns will be carried in marked patrol vehicles while the vehicle is in use.
 3. All full-time officers will be issued a department shotgun and ammunition by the Firearms Instructor.
 4. Officers are responsible to inspect their weapon at the beginning of each shift to ensure that it is operating properly.

- C. Shotguns in use are to be secured in the shotgun rack in the police vehicle with the chamber empty, a fully loaded magazine tube, un-cocked, with the safety off. It is important that these shotguns be secured in the vehicle in a uniform manner so every officer knows exactly what condition the weapon is in when it is removed from the rack.
- D. Shotguns may be used by officers when necessary at their own discretion, in accordance with the provisions outlined in this Order on the use of deadly force.
- E. Shotguns are to be removed from the police take home vehicle when the vehicle is being sent out for any maintenance or secured while the officer is on leave for any extended period of time.
- F. Shotgun proficiency training will be conducted by the Firearms Instructor at least once a year. Course content and qualification requirements will be established by the Firearms Instructor.

II. Rifles

- A. Patrol rifles for the Howland Township Police Department will be Bushmaster M4 type rifles and the ammunition will be determined by the Chief of Police. Magazine capacity will be 20 or 30 round magazines.
- B. When not assigned to an officer, the rifles will be secured in a cabinet in the armory unloaded. Only properly qualified and trained personnel are authorized to access and deploy these weapons.
 - 1. Rifles will be permitted to be left in unmarked vehicle trunks provided the vehicle is secured.
 - 2. Rifles deployed in a marked cruiser will be carried in the interior trunk mounted rifle rack in the car. The rifle will be carried in the interior trunk mounted rifle rack with a magazine seated in the rifle and the chamber empty.
 - 3. Officers are responsible to inspect their weapon at the beginning of each shift to ensure that it is operating properly.
 - 4. Each officer will be issued three magazines and sufficient ammunition that they are responsible for.
- C. Rifles may be used by officers when necessary at their own discretion, in accordance with the provisions outlined in this Order on the use of deadly force.
- D. Rifles are to be removed from the police take home vehicle when the vehicle is sent out for any maintenance or secured while the officer is on leave for any extended period of time.
- E. Rifle proficiency training will be conducted by the Firearms Instructor at least once a year. Course content and qualification requirements will be established by the Firearms Instructor.

III. Arms Room Equipment

- A. The watch commander or Officer in Charge (OIC) is given authority to enter the arms room and use whatever equipment is deemed necessary to control a given situation. The Operations Captain will be contacted as soon as possible and advised of the situation and of the equipment used from the arms room.
- B. Any time the watch commander or OIC enters the arms room and uses equipment to control a situation, a special report will be written as soon as possible to the Chief of Police detailing the situation encountered and the equipment utilized. This report will be sent through the normal chain of command.

IV. Specialized Weapons

- A. The police department has in its possession certain specialized weapons, such as long-range sniper rifles and tear gas.
- B. Only properly authorized and trained personnel are permitted to possess or use these weapons. The Firearms Instructor with the approval of the Chief of Police shall determine training content and qualification requirements. The Firearms Instructor shall designate who is qualified on specialized weapons.
- C. These weapons will be used only in accordance with established policy and procedure for special operations incidents.

104.11 Weapons Qualification

A. Weapons Qualifications

- 1. Officers are required to pass all qualification and range courses with firearm(s) they are authorized to carry or use. This includes specialized weapons, shotguns, off duty weapons and secondary weapons. Passing scores will be 80% unless otherwise indicated. All range qualifications will be monitored by the Firearms Instructor, who is under the direction of the Chief of Police.
- 2. Officers of the police department will be required to fire their duty side arm for qualification a minimum of twice per year. Each officer must obtain a passing score of 80% during handgun qualification programs on at least two occasions per year.

Officers must obtain a score of 100% during shotgun qualification programs.
- 3. The exact nature of the qualification course will be determined by the Firearms Instructor. All qualification courses must be approved by the Chief of Police. Final approval of all firearms qualification courses must be obtained from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council.
- 4. If officers are unable to attain a qualifying score on any range program, they will receive additional training within 7 calendar days by the

Firearms Instructor. If, after additional training, officers are still unable to consistently fire a qualifying score, they will be referred to the Chief of Police for disciplinary action or dismissal.

5. Any officer who is injured or has other mitigating circumstances which prohibit the officer from qualifying may request, in writing, to waive or delay the qualification. An officer who has obtained a waiver, may not use or carry a firearm until the waiver is lifted. This waiver may be granted only by the Chief of Police but cannot circumvent the State of Ohio requirement for firearms certification. Prior to returning to duty, the officer must meet the qualification standards as dictated by the Firearms Instructor for the current qualification year.
- B. Officers will have annual training in use of the expandable baton and use of handcuffs.
 - C. Officers will receive annual training in defensive tactics.
 - D. An OPOTA Certified Training Instructor will conduct annual training for all officers on the use of force policy.

104.12 Policy Training

All sworn personnel shall be issued a copy of General Order 104, Use of Force, and receive classroom instruction on its contents prior to being authorized to carry a firearm, less-lethal and non-lethal weapons. All sworn personnel will be certified in the use of the firearm, less-lethal and non-lethal weapons. Documentation of this training will be recorded by the Howland Police Department Firearms Instructor and/or the Howland Police Department Training Officer and will also be noted in each officers training file.

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