



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



2022-2085

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 2347 East Waterloo Road, Akron,
 Ohio 44312, Summit County

Investigative Activity: Records Obtained, Records Reviewed, Personnel File Received
Involves: Chief Jack Simone (S), Copley Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 12/12/2022
Activity Location: Witschey, Witschey & Firestein Co., LPA, 405 Rothrock Road,
 #103, Akron, Ohio 44321
Authoring Agent: SA Nick Valente

Narrative:

On December 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente (Valente) received the personnel file for Chief Jack Simone (Simone) from the Copley Law Director, as Simone spent the majority of his law enforcement career with the Copley Police Department. Included in the personnel file were records of Simone's pre-employment background investigation, training, performance evaluations, commendations and financial documents. Valente reviewed the records and noted the following:

Ohio Peace Officer Commission/Appointment History:

Simone obtained his Ohio Peace Officer Certification from the SACS Law Enforcement Academy in February 1992 (O.P.O.T.A. Class 91-063).

Simone began his law enforcement career on September 15, 1992, with the Twinsburg Police Department as a reserve officer. Shortly thereafter, on March 10, 1993, Simone joined the Copley Police Department. Simone was originally hired by the Copley Police Department as a probationary part-time officer and, later, full-time officer. The Twinsburg police chief provided a positive reference for Simone at the time he was hired by the Copley Police Department. Simone continued to work for the Copley Police Department, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant, until resigning on January 21, 2020, having accepted the position of chief of police in Springfield Township.

Training:

Simone has attended a significant amount of continued professional training classes throughout his career related to various law enforcement topics and areas of study. Relevant training classes are listed below:

40 Hours Basic SWAT School - 04/09/2004

Officer Safety – 03/10/2004 through 03/11/2004

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Tactical Shooting – 05/07/2006 through 05/10/2006

Officer Ambushed – Mike Sawyer Incident – 10/17/2008

Police Use of Force, Part 1 – 10/17/2008

Taser X26 – 08/11/2008

Profile of an Active Shooter – 10/04/2012

FBI-LEOKA Officer Safety/Street Survival – 07/18/2012

Use of Force Liability and Standards – 12/06/2012

Management of Multi-Fatality Crime Scenes – 02/06/2013

Judgmental Firearms Simulator – 07/23/2013 through 07/25/2013

Police Use of Force – 02/25/2016

Policing in the 21st Century: Use of Force and De-Escalation – 08/01/2016

Practical Application of Force – 04/24/2017

Taser Conducted Electrical Weapon (Written Examination) – 07/21/2018

Other Notable Findings:

Simone's personnel file contains no records of any discipline.

Evidence Item:

Two padded envelopes containing the printed copy of Simone's personnel file received from Witschey, Witschey & Firestein Co., LPA (Matrix Evidence Item 022).