



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



2022-1564
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Dep. William Crump (W)
Date of Activity: 07/24/2022
Activity Location: Miami Valley Hospital – Business – 1 Wyoming St, Dayton, OH
45402, Montgomery County
Author: SA David Hornyak, #112

Narrative:

On July 24, 2022, at approximately 1620 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Dave Hornyak interviewed Deputy William "Bill" Crump of the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) regarding the death of CCSO Deputy Matthew "Matt" Yates, who was killed by gunfire during an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) earlier that day. The interview took place at the Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, where Deputy Yates had been pronounced deceased and was made possible after Deputy Crump approached the agent stating he would like to provide information about what had occurred during the OICI.

The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device. This report is a summary only. The entire interview can be reviewed on the recording.

Deputy Crump provided the following information:

He is a current member of the CCSO Special Operations Team (SOT) and has known Deputy Matt Yates since approximately 2009 when Deputy Yates joined the sheriff's office. The deputies were the best of friends and in 2021, Deputy Yates served as the best man in Deputy Crump's wedding. Deputy Crump previously was a groomsman in Deputy Yates' wedding as well.

On July 24, 2022, at approximately 1116 hours, Deputy Crump received notification that the SOT was being activated to respond to an officer down at 1132 Ashwood in South Charleston, which was an address within the trailer park on State Route 40 in Harmony. Dep. Crump arrived at the location between 1130-1140 hours and was the first SOT member at the scene. Several other CCSO deputies were already on-scene as well as one male Springfield officer whose name Dep. Crump did not know.

The arriving SOT members were briefed on the incident and learned that Deputy Yates was the officer down and that he was still trapped in the trailer where he had been shot. After the

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Bearcat arrived, the SOT made an attempt to extract Deputy Yates from the trailer. In the stack were Sgt. Denise Jones with the shield, Deputy Weaver, Deputy Wheeler, Deputy McDuffie, and possibly Dep. Jordan Beane (sp.).

Upon approach, the team saw that the front door was already off of its hinges. Sgt. Jones and Deputy Weaver were the first two members of the stack. As they entered the residence they took fire from the inside. Both Jones and Weaver returned fire with their pistols as the team retreated. Dep. Crump never made it inside, but was able to see Dep. Yates feet lying inside the trailer, approximately 2–3 feet within the entry door with his body lying down the hallway. It was not clear if Deputy Yates was alive or dead.

While waiting for the Springfield SWAT unit to arrive, Dep. Crump was approached by a woman who identified that her wife and her wife's son were the persons inside the trailer. She provided all names to Dep. Crump and he directed Deputy Megan Forrest to write down all of the information, which was then provided to Sgt. Chad Eubanks. The woman also told Deputy Crump that deputies were called out for an incident at the trailer the previous night and that "...nothing was done."

Shortly after, Springfield PD began putting tear gas into the trailer and began hitting the residence with the MRAP from both the north and south sides. A four–man group from Springfield SWAT attempted to enter the trailer and also took fire. Deputy Nawman fell hurting his knee on the retreat.

Deputy Crump did not see this occur, but is aware that the Greene County SRT and Springfield SWAT were able to extract Deputy Yates. After the extraction, Deputy Crump traveled to Miami Valley Hospital where Deputy Yates was being transported.

Deputy Crump also learned that regarding the initial incident, Deputy Stadler, Deputy Risner, and Deputy Melchi were all with Deputy Yates during the initial entry when Deputy Yates was shot and killed.

The interview ended at approximately 1637 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022–07–24 / Dep. Bill Crump interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.