

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



2024-1385 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 121 W. Perry St., Tiffin, OH, 44883 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness, Medical Records Review			
Involves:	Blake Robert Fleure (S)			
Date of Activity:	06/06/2024			
Author:	SA Ryan Emahiser, #36			

Narrative:

On June 6, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser interviewed Tiffin Fire and Rescue Division (TFRD) Chief Rob Chappell. The purpose of interviewing Chief Chappell was to inquire if there was any additional information that may have been observed regarding the Tiffin Police Department (TPD) Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on May 3, 2024. TFRD also provided their incident report and run sheets for the incident pursuant to a Seneca County Grand Jury subpoena, and those documents and subpoena are attached to this report and case file for review. Those subpoenaed documents will be summarized later in this report, and the subpoena issued is also enclosed with both files attached to this report.

TFRD was dispatched to the incident at 11:57 hours, shortly after the incident occurred. Chief Chappell advised that he was the first to arrive on the scene due to the nature of the call. Chief Chappell said that upon arriving there were TPD Officers on scene, and TPD Officer Perry was applying pressure to the patient Blake Fleure's (Blake) chest where he later observed a bullet wound. Chief Chappell said that as he approached the patient, he saw Blake's mother nearby crying and very upset. Chief Chappell also said that he observed an extended black folding knife, which he estimated to have a four-to-five-inch blade, off to the right side and hand area of Blake's body. As Chief Chappell began assessing Blake, Chief Chappell pulled another folding knife out of Blake's left pocket, estimated to have a three-to-four-inch blade, and a wallet that he gave to TPD Officers.

Chief Chappell explained that he was the only TFRD personnel that had any brief interaction with TPD Officers, and the TFRD was already aware of what had occurred due to the nature of the dispatched call. Chief Chappell assumed at the time when he arrived on scene that TPD Officer Westenbarger was the officer that likely shot Blake due to Officer Westenbarger also being visibly upset. Chief Chappell stated that as soon as the TFRD squad arrived on scene, the additional TFRD personnel began treating Blake and shortly after moving Blake into the squad to be treated, they then transported Blake to the Tiffin Mercy Hospital. Chief Chappell advised that he had spoken with the TFRD personnel that were present that day and none of

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the personnel had witnessed or been told anything from TPD Officers. Chief Chappell also noted that the patient Blake was unresponsive, and life saving measures were being performed.

SA Emahiser asked Chief Chappell if he could provide the emails of all the individual personnel that were on the incident to ensure that nothing additional was witnessed outside of the TFRD provided reports. Chief Chappell provided all of the involved personnel's emails. SA Emahiser on June 7, 2024, emailed all six of the involved TFRD personnel listed in the TFRD reports asking if they had any additional information or witnessed anything of note outside of what Chief Chappell relayed. Three of the six officers responded advising that they did not observe or witness anything additional as their response was directed toward the patient.

Chief Chappell did not have anything additional to add and was advised to contact SA Emahiser should he have anything additional.

The following is a summary of the different reports provided by the TFRD. The summary is what is believed to be the most relevant to this investigation, and for a full comprehension of the actions and response of the TFRD the full reports should be reviewed.

Prehospital Care Report:

• Response Times: Unit Dispatched 11:57:00, Enroute 11:57:53, At Scene 11:59:08, Depart (for hospital with patient) 12:13:24, Arrive Dest. (at hospital with patient) 12:17:16.

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• Above mentioned treatments, care, and medications are also listed separately in different portions of the report.

TFRD Fleure Fire and Controlled Substances Reports:

- These reports contain all medication and/or controlled substances given to the patient, along with signatures of those TFRD personnel that administered those items.
- The TFRD Fire Report shows what vehicles and personnel responded to the incident scene, listed as 121 West Perry, Tiffin. The report shows that all vehicles were dispatched at 11:57:00, and all the vehicles arrived on scene at 11:59:08.
- No narrative is included in these reports, as it would likely be redundant due to already being contained in the Prehospital Care report.

No additional information of importance to this investigation was located in the TFRD subpoenaed reports.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: TRFD Fleure Pre Hosp Care Report Attachment # 02: TRFD Fleure Fire and Controlled Sub Reports

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