

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



2022-1480 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5945 SR 48, Clearcreek Township, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Mark E. Evers (S), Jefferey Prass (W)

Date of Activity: 07/25/2022

Activity Location: Clearcreek Twp. Police Department – Business – 7593 Bunnell Hill

Road, Springboro, OH 45066

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On July 25, 2022, at 1127 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Richard Ward (SA Ward) conducted an interview with Clearcreek Fire District Captain Jeffrey Prass (Capt. Prass) regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place on July 12, 2022, in Clearcreek Township. Capt. Prass was identified as a paramedic who responded to the scene of the OICI. The interview took place at the Clearcreek Township Police Department. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

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

Capt. Prass advised that he has worked for the Clearcreek Township Fire District for thirty-two years. He has been a captain for twenty-two of those years. He manages all three of the Clearcreek Township Fire District stations.

Regarding his involvement in the OICI, Capt. Prass said the following:

Capt. Prass advised that Clearcreek Township Fire District crews were dispatched to a stabbing/shooting. While enroute, he learned that they were responding to an officer-involved shooting. He ensured that Care Flight was on standby.

Capt. Prass advised that he responded, as did personnel from Medic 23, Engine 22, and EMS 21 (EMS Lieutenant). Upon his arrival at the scene, he requested that Care Flight respond. He took command over fire and EMS personnel at the scene. He supervised his crew as they treated

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Officer Ney. He then helped establish a landing zone. He responded with a police officer as the scene had not been confirmed as safe.

Capt. Prass advised that someone from his crew confirmed that the suspect, later identified as Mark E. Evers (Evers), was deceased. He explained that an obvious death can be pronounced by on-scene medics. He believed Evers was pronounced deceased by firefighters/paramedics Anthony Marinelli and Nathan Baldridge.

Capt. Prass advised that he watched as Clearcreek Police Officer Eric Ney (Officer Ney) was released to the Care Flight crew. He advised that the Care Flight crews secured Officer Ney's airway. He said there was a fifteen-minute assessment of Officer Ney prior to flying him to the hospital.

The interview was concluded at 1138 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-25 / Clearcreek Township Fire District Captain Jeffrey Prass Interview

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.