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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 256 N. Swain, LaRue, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Medic Ty R. Williams

Activity Date: December 20, 2022

Activity Location: Marion County Sheriff Office

Authoring Agent: Special Agent David Horn #48

On December 20, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident (OICI) that occurred on the railroad tracks near Section Street in La Rue, Marion County, OH. BCI Special Agent David Horn interviewed Lt. Ty R. Williams of the First Consolidated Fire District. The interview occurred at the Marion County Sheriff's Department, 100 Executive Drive, Marion, OH.

Williams was present at the time of the search warrant and SA Horn interviewed him to see what he may have heard or seen of the Marion OICI. SA Horn asked Williams about his background. Williams said he has been on since 2002, a lieutenant for 2 ½ years and a TAC Medic for five years. SA Horn asked Williams to describe how the events unfolded and what he was assigned, as a tactical paramedic, for the search warrant for today's operation. Williams stated he was in the passenger side of the MRAP, next to Captain Dutton. William's duties included being on a perimeter. Williams said that someone stated they needed three persons to head down the railroad tracks.

Williams stayed on the perimeter until he heard gunshots. Williams then went toward a vehicle to take him to the location of the gunshots, which one of the vehicles did. As Williams approached, he noticed team members hovering over the K9. Williams continued and reached the suspect (Hellinger). Williams witnessed Hellinger had angler respirations and, after checking for a pulse, Williams found none. A helicopter (medivac) and the squad were already called. Williams cut Hellinger's clothes and started CPR. The suspect was placed on a backboard and put in a squad. Williams worked on him the entire way to the hospital. Williams stated that Hellinger was in PEA (Pulseless Electrical Activity), but had no pulse. Williams said about five minutes out from the hospital, Hellinger went into asystole, which is known as a flatline.

SA Horn asked Williams if he saw any wounds when he cut Hellinger's shirt. Williams saw that officers had shot Hellinger's leg and placed a tourniquet. Williams also noticed two abdominal injuries, one in his beltline and two in the suspect's left thigh.

SA Horn asked what time the search warrant started. Williams stated they were briefed at 0500 and the search warrant kicked off at 0530.

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Williams added the timeline is pretty accurate and the wounds on Hellinger are as well. Williams stated he did see two pistols lying near Hellinger on each side of him. Williams also noted that Hellinger had a dual shoulder rig holster that he cut off to apply the shock pads.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author most relevant to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's understanding of the information elicited during the interview. It may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the reader refers to the audio recording in its entirety.