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2022-1251

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 2280 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, OH
43215

Investigative Activity: Video Review

Activity Date: 6/23/2022

Activity Location: BCI

Authoring Agent: SA John Butterworth

Narrative:

On Wednesday, June 08, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) received video footage from Sgt. Terry McConnell SA Columbus Police Department was informed that the videos contained footage from the body camera recorded by CPD Officer Robert Layton.

SA Butterworth reviewed the video recordings and noted the following:

During review of the body worn camera provided by CPD Sgt. McConnell, SA Butterworth observed and heard the following information recorded by the camera (note: times indicated in hours:minutes:seconds):

At approximately 52:29 in the video, initial radio traffic from CPD dispatchers is heard regarding an incident at Stelzer and Agler Roads.

52:52 radio traffic from CPD dispatchers is heard regarding the "County" having shots fired.

54:27 CPD Officer Layton advises an unknown CPD officer of "10-3, shots fired, I gotta go" and responds to the incident.

56:18 Officer Layton talks to dispatch via the radio. Officer Layton is on scene.

56:27 Officer Layton parks the CPD marked cruiser and exits it. The incident scene can be observed on the video.

56:42 Officer Layton escorts the driver of the involved vehicle who is a male, Black, wearing a red hoodie and blue jeans to his CPD cruiser.

58:09 Officer Layton places the driver into the rear seat of CPD cruiser 251.

58:39 Officer Layton walks up to the incident scene and asks the involved deputies if there was anything he could do.

1:01:44 Officer Layton begins to place 'Police Line' tape around the scene to secure it.



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1:03:21 Officer Layton gets into the front passenger seat of his CPD cruiser. The driver of the involved vehicle is heard talking about not being able to be around police officers. Officer Layton tells him that he can't talk to him and the driver asks if someone can call his mother about his detainment.

1:04:35 Officer Layton speaks with a witness standing outside a Dodge Challenger. The man states he witnessed the incident and was willing to speak with someone about it.

1:05:36 Officer Layton speaks with a witness in a Ford minivan who states she heard the gunshots but did not see the incident. She described hearing someone say "drop the gun, drop the gun" and then hearing 4 gunshots. She stated the incident happened fast.

1:12:23 Officer Layton returns to his CPD cruiser and contacts the driver of the involved vehicle that he is going to be moved to a Mifflin Township police cruiser.

1:14:07 The driver of the involved vehicle is placed into the rear of a Mifflin Township police cruiser.

1:15:10 Officer Layton is heard talking about his response to the incident and what happened when he arrived to CPD Officer Kellough, number 1293.

1:15:47 Officer Layton turns off the body worn camera.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR EVALUATING THE VIDEO RECORDINGS

There are numerous other factors that need to be considered when reviewing and evaluating the videos and audio recordings of this incident. Those factors are:

A. Video recording devices record within the video and sound capabilities available, and they record objectively. Video recordings lack the history, perspective, and interest of the people involved. The positions, angles, obstacles, lighting, and distance from the incident are also factors that need serious consideration.

B. Video recording devices also record more information about a particular scene or incident than the person(s) involved in the incident can process during the critical incident. Video recording devices rarely record an event from the same perspective of the officer. It captures the action but not the perception, decision making, focus, or intent of the officer. Video recordings often miss tactile cues or other actions of a subject.



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C. The speed of the incident is remarkable. The speed and complexity of rapidly evolving situation(s) that occur during use of force encounters are difficult concepts to comprehend by only watching the video.

The DVD containing the video footage was submitted to the physical BCI case file as item P00020-1030920 for reference only.