



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



2025-1603  
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 4482 Hampton Woods  
Ct., Columbus, Ohio 43230 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Witnessing Paramedic Interview  
**Involves:** CFD Paramedic Benjamin Funk, #F056  
**Activity Date:** 05/20/2025  
**Activity Location:** Columbus Division of Police SWAT Headquarters  
**Authoring Agent:** SA David Wieging

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at approximately 0346 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) interviewed Columbus Fire Department (CFD) Paramedic Benjamin Funk (Paramedic Funk). The interview took place at CPD SWAT Headquarters. Prior to the interview, Paramedic Funk was informed that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering SA Wieging's questions at any time. Paramedic Funk agreed to speak with SA Wieging.

Paramedic Funk was identified as being a paramedic who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the May 19, 2025 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 4482 Hampton Woods Court, Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this paramedic.

Paramedic Funk explained that he is a TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services) medic who supports Columbus SWAT and other tactical teams. Paramedic Funk stated they received a call from SWAT indicating they had a suspect shooting at officers and that they were to meet SWAT near the scene. Paramedic Funk sat in the front seat of BearCat 1 and his partner, John Hagan, sat in the front seat of BearCat 2. Having arrived at the scene, they were positioned approximately 15 to 20 yards away from the front entrance.

The first thing Paramedic Funk observed was the male suspect, whom had a gun in his hand, hitting one of the windows and slamming the door. Paramedic Funk had heard throughout the incident the male suspect had fired shots two separate times. Paramedic Funk's role was to provide primary medical support and to have appropriate staffing in place and provide anyone wounded care. Sitting in the front seat with the driver of the BearCat, Paramedic Funk could overhear the SWAT channel with SWAT officers talking to the male suspect who had a hostage and they were trying to

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negotiate with him to come out. Paramedic Funk understood that the male suspect was making threats to harm the hostage, himself and officers.

Before the shooting, Paramedic Funk related the male suspect was going to exit with her. The male suspect opened the door with a pistol in his right hand and shortly thereafter, Paramedic Funk heard "shots" and observed the male suspect's hip "drop immediately" and out of sight. Within a second or two, he saw the hostage run out of the residence covered in blood. Paramedic Funk did not see who shot the male suspect. The driver of the BearCat made commands for the male suspect to come out of the residence. SWAT flew a drone in and confirmed the male suspect was down. SWAT officers then approached the residence and verified the male suspect was down. They cleared and secured the area at which time they called for TEMS.

Paramedic Funk exited the BearCat and was escorted to the residence by a SWAT officer. Paramedic Funk's partner also exited the other BearCat he was in and got to the residence just before Paramedic Funk did. The male suspect had a large amount of coagulated blood that he was lying in. He was pale and did not have a pulse. They rolled the male suspect over to access his injuries. He had a 2" gaping hole on the right side of his chest and a large deformity on the left side of his back. Paramedic Funk and his partner conferred and deemed the male suspect "incompatible with life" and "no life-saving measures could be done." This was confirmed by the EMS supervisor and other medics on scene.

The interview concluded at approximately 0357 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

Audio Interview with CFD Paramedic Benjamin Funk 5.20.2025

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