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

2023-2306
Officer Involved Critical Incident - ████████████████████
Ave., Alliance, OH 44601, Stark County

Investigative Activity:	Review of 911 Call and Radio Traffic
Involves:	Alliance Police Department (O)
Activity Date:	September 19, 2023
Activity Location:	BCI, 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286
Authoring Agent:	SA Nicholas Valente #139

Narrative:

Alliance Police Lieutenant Don Wensel (Lieutenant Wensel) provided BCI agents with the 911 call audio, audio of two phone calls placed to Emergency Medical Transport, Incorporated (emergency medical services provider for the city of Alliance), radio traffic audio, and a text file that accompanied the radio traffic for the September 3, 2023, officer-involved shooting of George Appleby. Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) received these records on September 12, 2023. SA Nick Valente (Valente) reviewed these records and noted the following:

Radio Traffic:

Included in these records was a text document noting the starting time, duration, and channel recorded for the provided radio traffic. This text file was attached to this report.

Fourteen radio transmissions were recorded during this incident. Those 14 recordings were attached to this report. In the first radio transmissions the dispatcher asks the officer utilizing call sign 48, "48 are you hearing the 911? Something about a code 30 edged weapon in the area of 840 South Linden, 840 South Linden. We'll get coverage 17." In the background of this transmission another dispatcher can be overheard asking "Where's George now?"

In the following transmission the officer utilizing call sign 47 stated "47, headquarters I'm 17." In the next transmission, the dispatchers request the officer utilizing call sign 41 "head that way also." An unidentified officer then corrected the address of the call to be "844 South Linden, around back."

In the following recording, titled "005_Police_Radio_2023_09_03_13_41_58_by_Start_Time_desc" an unidentified officer stated "He's got the knife to her throat. He's retreating into the house. I'm gonna kick in the back door." The same individual is heard in the next recording stating "If a guy has a ram, bring it around back." Other officers note their arrival in the following transmissions.

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In the transmission titled "009_Police_Radio_2023_09_03_13_44_15_by_Start_Time_desc" an unidentified officer stated "We need a unit (to) bring in a halogen. We're inside the residence." An unidentified officer responded to this request in the following transmission "All right, I got a halogen. Where do you guys need me, front or the back?" An officer responded the question "Around back."

In the next transmission, titled "011_Police_Radio_2023_09_03_13_47_42_by_Start_Time_desc" an unidentified officer stated "43 radio and headquarters, shots fired, shots fired. 46 code 18, shots fired, code 18." In the next transmission the dispatcher asks "272, scene clear for them to come in?" The unidentified officer responded "Channel 4, code 18 right now." In the next transmission the officer utilizing call sign 273 tells the dispatcher to notify 260, 234, and 246. In the final transmission the dispatcher asked the officer who used call sign 273 "is this is a citizen or patrol?" The officer responded "this is gonna be a citizen, headquarters." The dispatcher told the officer she notified 260 and believed he was in the company of the other two officers requested be notified of the incident.

911 Call:

The 911 began with the caller providing the location of the incident and requesting police respond. The caller then stated "The man had a knife to the woman, older woman's throat. Please hurry." The operator asked the caller if she knew who the man was. The caller stated the man's name was "George Appleby." The operator then asked who the woman was and the caller stated "Her name is ▮▮▮▮" The caller continued, "Please hurry. He cut her throat." The caller told the operator that she is a neighbor and the subject was now "up in the house with her." The operator asked the caller for her name. The caller stated her name was "Carla" and again asked the dispatcher to have the officers hurry for a third time. When asked if she could still see the subject the caller stated she could not, and for a forth time asked that the responding officers "please hurry." The operator advised the caller that police were en route and the call was ended.

Alliance Police Calls to Emergency Medical Transport, Inc.:

The Alliance Police dispatcher asked the Emergency Medical Transport, Inc. operator if they had a squad available. The individual who answered the phone stated they did and they were returning from Damascus. The Alliance Police dispatcher then provided Emergency Medical Transport, Inc. with the address of the incident and advised "We have a female that had her throat cut. P.D. is on scene." Emergency Medical Transport, Inc. responded "Okay, I'll have 'em that way."

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A second call was placed by Alliance Police to Emergency Medical Transport, Inc. In this follow up call, the Alliance Police dispatcher stated "Hi. This is the police department. We need an ambulance there as soon as possible at 844 South Linden. We've had shots fired. Emergency Medical Transport, Inc. stated "All righty." The Alliance Police dispatcher thanked the Emergency Medical Transport, Inc. phone operator and the call ended.

Attachments:
1. 2023-09-12 Alliance PD 911 Call
2. 2023-09-12 PD 1st PD Call to EMT
3. 2023-09-12 2nd PD Call to EMT
4. 2023-09-12 Alliance PD Radio Communication Data
5. Collection of 14 Police Radio Transmissions

Sequential export of 14 track(s) as Mu-Law, consisting of the following:
0000000002 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:50:26, Dur: 00:30,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000003 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:49:17, Dur: 00:24,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000004 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:48:13, Dur: 00:16,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000005 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:47:42, Dur: 00:24,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000006 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:44:46, Dur: 00:25,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000007 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:44:15, Dur: 00:21,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000008 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:43:57, Dur: 00:13,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000009 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:42:54, Dur: 00:15,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
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BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000010 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:42:17, Dur: 00:10,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000011 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:41:58, Dur: 00:17,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000012 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:41:31, Dur: 00:18,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
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BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000013 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:41:01, Dur: 00:11,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000014 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:40:43, Dur: 00:13,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID:
0000000015 Aud: 64kbps uLaw, Rcdr: AlliancePD_DX.OH.745100415, Ch: Police Radio, Start: 2023-09-03 13:40:16, Dur: 00:27,
CALLING_PARTY: , CALLTYPE: AUDIO, EVALUATED: , USER_ID: , CLIP_DETAILS: , INCIDENT: , IS_CLIPPED_MEDIA: ,
DTMF: , CALLER_ID: , ANNOTATIONS: , ui_note: , FLAG: , BLOCK_ACCESS_EXCEPTIONS: , CALLED_PARTY: ,
BLOCK_ACCESS: , BLOCK_ACCESS_INFO: , FLAGGED_FOR_EVALUATOR: , AGENT_ID: