



Officer-Involved Critical Incident

Case Number: 21-165011

Date: Friday September 10, 2021 at 09:07 AM

Address: 1600 South block of Tuscany Grove Ct. Farmington, Utah

Subject: Joseph Anthony Manhard, 32

Complainant: Davis County Sheriff's Office

LINK TO VIDEO: Non-Applicable

911 CALL: Non -Applicable

On September 10, 2021, a Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD) SWAT officer used deadly force during an agency assist call involving a barricaded subject inside a residence with several hostages. This incident occurred in Farmington, Utah.

This officer involved critical incident is unique in that it involved an SLCPD sniper operator. Being a sniper operator is among one of the most challenging positions in our department. Sniper operators are generally the least used resource in our Department, but they are some of the most highly trained members in our Department.

Sniper operators are trained to shoot from the steadiest-most position. This often means they are in a "prone position," which requires them to have most of their body in contact with the ground.

Unlike patrol officers or other SWAT operators who are in an up-right position, sniper operators cannot wear their BWC on the front of their bodies. Doing so would result in uneven body pressure while in the prone position and would likely affect their readiness and accuracy. A sniper operator wearing their BWC on the front of their body while in the prone position would result in the BWC lens and microphone being obscured. Sniper operators are often several yards away from the threat. Our current BWC are incapable of producing images beyond the immediate periphery of any officer's body. Further, there is no known technology that would allow a configuration that allows recording of the sniper operator's rifle scope. As such, our sniper operators and their spotters are instructed to use one camera between them and to set up the BWC in a position that best reflects the situation they are in.

In this incident, there is no BWC from either the sniper operator or the spotter that captured the moments immediately leading up to the use of deadly force or the actual use of deadly force. Based on the review, training and experience of Police Chief Mike Brown, it appears the partnered officers likely believed they were turning *off* their shared BWC when instead they were activating it after the shooting.

Other BWC video potentially captured during this incident is not applicable for release under Utah Code 63G-2-305(10)(a-c) and/or Salt Lake City Ordinance Chapter 2.10.200 (1) (D) (3) as the materials violate an individual's privacy including images inside a private residence and medical and/or mental health care treatment.

DISPATCHED DETAILS:

At approximately 05:50 AM on September 10, 2021, SLCPD SWAT received a request from the Davis County Sheriff's Office pursuant to an existing mutual aid agreement. Upon request, the SLCPD may assist an outside agency authorized to enforce the criminal statutes and ordinance in the State of Utah in situations that include crime, disturbances of the peace, riots, and other emergency situations that require police resources beyond those that can be readily provided by the primary agency where the incident or emergency is unfolding.

OFFICER ACTIONS:

Because there is no BWC or SLC911 dispatch information, the Salt Lake City Police Department is unable to provide an account of the involved officer's actions. The SLCPD is not privy to any statement made by witnesses, victims or the involved officer as these are part of the Davis County OICI Protocol Team Investigation.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

[Salt Lake City Police Department Use Of Force Policy](#)

[Salt Lake City Police Department Body-Worn Camera Policy](#)