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In the early morning hours of March 11, 2023, the initial SMART Team deployment consisted of 22 members to include investigators, crime scene specialists, evidence technicians and command staff. The investigation during the onset included securing the site to collect evidence, document the scene, identify those involved, and interview witnesses.

Although it is early in the investigation, SMART has learned the following: On March 10, 2023, at approximately 11:23 pm Everett Police responded to the 800 block of 91st Place SW, for a victim of domestic violence with visible injuries. The suspect in the domestic was identified as a 58-year-old Everett male. Initial responding officers also learned the suspect was known to be in possession of both rifles and handguns in the past.

As a precautionary approach, officers contained the suspect's residence and attempted to use a public address system to call him to the street. When he was seen looking out the window and not responding, he was considered a barricaded suspect. Snohomish County Region 1 SWAT was requested.

During the attempts to negotiate with the suspect, he was seen pointing a gun out the window. Attempts were made to negotiate with him also by text and phone. A warrant was obtained for the suspect's arrest.

SWAT was in a position near the residence when a male was observed in the backyard. At approximately 1:21 am on March 11, 2023, five SWAT team members entered the backyard and gave the suspect verbal commands. Two SWAT Team members fired lethal rounds, striking the suspect. SWAT provided immediate first aid, however the suspect died at the scene. The suspect was in possession of two handguns. No SWAT team members were injured during the encounter.

The two law enforcement officers involved in the lethal encounter are an Everett Officer with seven years of service and a Snohomish County Deputy with nine years of service. Both are on paid administrative leave as standard practice.

SMART will be releasing weekly press updates on Monday, during business hours, as required by WAC 139-12-030. If events in the investigation prompt a timelier release, they will be sent out to the media outlets.

Lieutenant Mike Moore

MARCH 11, 2023

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, the Skagit-Island Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) was activated at the request of the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) to investigate an officer involved shooting in the 800 block of 91st Place SW, Everett, WA. The Snohomish County Region One SWAT Team was involved and the request was made to meet independent investigation requirements.

The Washington State Legislature enacted WAC 139-12-030 (2019) establishing requirements for how agencies conduct independent investigation's involving police deadly force use. The intent was to enhance public trust and investigation integrity by providing independence, transparency, communication, a credible process, and credible investigators performing that process.

Within these requirements, the Independent Investigation Team is required to have Citizen Representatives assigned, Family Liaison Representatives for the involved families, determine if Tribal membership is associated and assign a Tribal Liaison accordingly. These are required before we are able to release investigation progress/information to the public.

Additionally, the law requires SMART's investigation remain totally separate from the involved agencies including the sharing of any investigation information with them until the case is filed with a prosecutor.

Skagit-Island Multiple Agency Response Team is committed to a credible process that complies with Washington State law.

Lieutenant Mike Moore