Dietrick

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/6/20

TO: Entire Tactical Team

FROM: Lt. Michael Raasch

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

On May 25th, 2020, an excessive use of force (by police) incident occurred in Minneapolis Minnesota, which resulted in the death of the arrestee. This incident served as the catalyst to civil unrest. There were many peaceful and violent protests in cites throughout the United States. Sonoma County was not immune from both peaceful and violent protests after this incident.

On the evening of May 29th, our Tactical Team was requested to respond to the City of Oakland for mutual aid request as protests there had turned into riots, which began with the first night of property destruction. We assembled our Tactical Team and drove to the Oakland Police Department, arriving just before 0100 hours. The Tactical Team staged at the Command Post waiting for our assignment. By that time, the riots were under control and our Tactical Team was dismissed, so we returned to Sonoma County.

Between May 30th and June 6th, of 2020, our Tactical Team was activated six times to assist Santa Rosa Police Department with peaceful and violent protests. The protesters completely blocked roads, shut down Hwy 101, vandalized businesses, looted, and assaulted law enforcement. Our Tactical Team assisted both SRPD and CHP with crowd control, crowd dispersal, security, and mass arrests. Our Tactical Team was met with violence when several of the protesters threw rocks, bottles, and even shot fireworks at Tactical Team members. Several Tactical Team members were hit with flying weapons, but no one was seriously injured.

Once the peaceful protests turned violent, unlawful assembly orders were given to disperse. Our Tactical Team worked in conjunction with Santa Rosa Officers and used CS gas to disperse the violent protesters. On several occasions, law-breaking protesters would pick-up the CS gas canisters and throw them back at Tactical Team members from both agencies. The week of protests were tense, dangerous, and rapidly evolving night after night.

Sergeants [redacted] and [redacted] led the Tactical Team. I would first like to commend both Sergeants for their leadership, their planning and preparation,

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Letter of Commendation

March 13, 2020

TO: Sheriff Mark Essick via chain of command

FROM: Lieutenant Andrew Cash #1039

SUBJECT: Violent assault on Moorland Avenue (20-0313-007)

On March 13, 2020, at approximately 1304 hours, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center began receiving multiple 911 calls regarding two females beating a male subject with a baseball bat near the intersection of Moorland Avenue and West Robles Avenue. Dispatcher Shonna Christianson received the first call of a subject being beaten with a bat. Deputy [redacted] arrived on scene within minutes. Numerous deputies began responding to the scene as dispatch updated the call that one of the subjects also had a gun. Dispatcher [redacted] received information from another caller of "1057's" (gunshots heard) in the same vicinity. The information was being received by dispatch from citizens who observed this violent assault. Simultaneously, dispatch was able to relay pertinent information to the deputies on scene in a calm, concise manner. Dispatcher [redacted] maintained her usual calm voice as the information was being broadcasted to the deputies on scene.

Sergeant [redacted] responded to the scene. Within minutes, Sergeant [redacted] and other deputies had located a possible crime scene, with the help of the reporting parties who were relaying information to dispatch about the crime. Large amounts of blood was located on the ground throughout the property. Deputies [redacted] arrived on scene and began scene containment. They ultimately came into contact with two females, both of which had sustained injuries. Dispatch had already staged medics who responded into the scene to treat the injured subjects. Henry-1 arrived on scene (pilot [redacted] and TFO [redacted]) maintained an aerial platform covering an unsecured portion of the rear perimeter. They also began doing PA announcements for the occupants to exit the residence. Knowing that the compound had dozens of vehicles, numerous buildings, sheds and outbuildings, I felt we did not have enough personnel to safely secure the scene while maintaining a perimeter.

I called Sergeant [redacted], who was at SWAT training and requested he and one other SWAT member respond with breeching equipment. We still had subjects at the Moorland address who

were injured per our witnesses, so time was of the essence and we needed to safely secure the property in an attempt to locate additional injured people.

After Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] arrived on scene, a tactical plan was devised so the deputies could safely clear the property of any injured persons. Multiple subjects were contacted and detained. With the help of numerous dispatchers and deputies, we began to piece together what took place. While in the early stages of the investigation, none of the alleged victims were being cooperative. Later we learned that the victims might in fact be suspects.

As Deputy [redacted] was leaving the scene, she was flagged down by a citizen who observed the assault. Deputy [redacted] responded to the location and conducted an in-depth interview with the witness. Deputy [redacted] learned that the male subject with firearm had a severe head wound and was seen stumbling away from the Moorland address to an unknown area off Newmark Drive.

Deputy [redacted] canvassed the area consisting of several dozen houses on multiple streets. He located a residence with a large video surveillance camera mounted to the front of the house. Hoping to get video surveillance of the male subject walking passed the front of the house he went to the front door to contact the occupants of the residence. As he began to knock on the door, he saw blood on the screen door and the front door. There was also additional blood in the driveway. Deputy [redacted] ultimately discovered the location of the alleged male victim. Deputy [redacted] called for additional deputies to respond. A perimeter was set up on the location and announcements were made. Deputies entered the residence due to exigent circumstances and located an unconscious female in the shower. She had no pulse. Medics were already staged nearby thanks to deputies on scene and dispatch who had made the call to Red-Com. Deputy [redacted] started CPR until the medics arrived. During which time he was able to resuscitate her and gain a pulse. When I arrived on scene, she appeared to be dead. If it were not for Deputy [redacted] locating the victim and Deputy [redacted] performing CPR, with the assistance of their patrol partners and all of the dispatchers, the female would have died.

The investigation that patrol started was essential for VCI once they were called out. Deputy [redacted] and [redacted] continued to develop leads and information that assisted VCI. This truly was a huge team effort and a very dynamic and chaotic scene. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] both took it a step further and worked the leads that VCI need to help their investigation.

In closing, I was highly impressed by the dedication, selflessness and teamwork displayed by Dispatch and Patrol. Below is a listed of names of dispatchers and patrol deputies that deserve recognition.

DISPATCH:

[redacted]

PATROL:

[redacted]

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March 5, 2020

Michael Dietrick
[redacted]

Dear Deputy Sheriff Dietrick:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive the Distinguished Service Award.

Your efforts are noteworthy and deserving of formal recognition at the annual *Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Awards and Retiree Recognition Celebration* which will be held on Thursday, May 21st at Trentadue Winery. We would be honored to have you join us and be recognized for your outstanding work.

Trentadue Winery	5:30 pm No-Host Bar and Appetizers
19170 Geyserville Ave.	6:30 pm Buffet Dinner and Dessert
Geyserville, CA 95441	7:30 pm Awards Presentation

Please RSVP to [redacted] at [redacted] by Friday, May 1st to reserve seats for yourself and a guest. Additional guests are welcomed at $35 each and tickets can be purchased through a link that will be sent out with the all-staff invitation within the next week.

Once again, congratulations on your award. I look forward to seeing you at this special ceremony.

Sincerely,

MARK ESSICK
Sheriff-Coroner

ME:mgl
cc: Personnel

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/19/20

TO: Captain Engram

FROM: Lieutenant Duke

SUBJECT: Letter of Apprciation

Deputy Sheriff Personnel: [redacted] Deputy Mike Dietrick, [redacted]

Captain Engram,

On February 10th, 2020, the above listed Sheriff's Office Deputies were tasked with the removal of over 30 (approximate) homeless people that had trespassed onto a county road and created a homeless encampment on Juniper Way (formerly known as Baine Road) at West Robles Avenue in Santa Rosa.

The Deputies task was to put forth a compassionate effort in working with other county entities to prioritize services and emergency/temporary housing to the homeless and if necessary take law enforcement action for trespassing.

The Deputies were instrumental in successfully removing all the occupants in the encampment from the roadway by patiently working with the other county entities.

In all, 28-32 (approximate) homeless people from the encampment were voluntarily assessed by county employees for immediate needs and the possibility of emergency/temporary housing. Of those assessed, 8-9 (approximate) voluntarily accepted housing.

One uncooperative subject was arrested by Deputies for trespassing, resisting arrest and violation of probation.

The compassion and patience of the Deputies that worked with the homeless was rewarding to see. The challenge(s) to restrain from immediate law enforcement action, when it was legal to exercise, truly displayed the considerations Deputies took into account, while remaining firm but fair in assisting many of the homeless.

I applaud those that were assigned to this task and would like them to be recognized with a 'Letter of Appreciation'.