



Jerry Staniszewski, Chief of Police

TO: Citizens of the Eau Claire Community
FROM: Gerald W. Staniszewski, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting Incident, January 24, 2016
Eau Claire Police Department Case #2016-1558

The Eau Claire Police Department has concluded the Administrative Review of the January 24, 2016, officer involved shooting at the 2700 block of Galloway Street involving Sol Armer. The investigation revealed that the decision making and actions of Officer Anthony Briski, Officer Renee Stoik and Officer Olivia Erl, were appropriate and compliant with Eau Claire Police Department policies and procedures.

The Administrative Review was conducted by Eau Claire Police Lieutenant Greg Weber who reviewed Eau Claire Police Officer reports, the comprehensive criminal investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), the criminal use of force investigation determination made by Eau Claire County District Attorney Gary King, and the criminal investigation of Sol Armer conducted by the Eau Claire Police Department.

A copy of the Eau Claire Police Department Administrative Review document as well as other associated documents, including Officer Briski's dash cam video, can be obtained on the Eau Claire Police Department Media Release webpage at the following link:
<http://www.eauclairewi.gov/departments/police-department/newsroom>

Maintaining trust and legitimacy of the Eau Claire Police Department in our community is of the utmost importance. The police department has policy which gives guidance to police department staff in maintaining a high standard of conduct and an exemplary level of service to the community. It is based on federal, state and local laws as well as best practices in policing and community care taking. Providing for procedural justice through evaluation of compliance with department policy is a critical aspect of maintaining that trust and legitimacy.

The Administrative Review included the comprehensive review of seven specific Eau Claire Police Department policies to include:

ECPD Policy 300 - Use of Force
ECPD Policy 305 - Officer Involved Shootings and Deaths
ECPD Policy 308 - Officer Response to Calls
ECPD Policy 317 - Public Alerts
ECPD Policy 400 - Patrol Function
ECPD Policy 409 - Emergency Detentions
ECPD Policy 427 - Homeless Persons

The results of the Administrative Review have confirmed that the members of the Eau Claire Police Department involved in the critical incident acted within the best interest of our community. The details of how the supervisors and officers responded and reacted to this developing incident are evidence of the commitment and exemplary character with which the men and women of the Eau Claire Police Department serve the community on a daily basis.

Officer involved shooting incidents are a challenging and demanding event for the police department and the community. I am committed to ensuring that the members of the Eau Claire Police Department are properly prepared by providing training, guidance and support. Police officers are the guardians of our community. They deserve the community's recognition, respect and support for doing the difficult job we demand of them. My focus now is on the emotional, psychological and physical well-being of our employees as we continue with the recovery process.

I want to thank the citizens of Eau Claire for their patience, understanding and support while this incident was investigated from both the criminal and administrative review perspectives. Transparency of the investigative process and our organization is a priority. I trust this will be evident to you as you review the details of this incident.

I want to thank all of the members of the Eau Claire Police Department. You set the standard for professional policing.



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