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TO: Citizens of the Eau Claire Community
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SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting Incident, April 8, 2017
Eau Claire Police Department Case #2017-6866

The Eau Claire Police Department has concluded the Administrative Review of the April 8, 2017, officer involved shooting at the Westwinds Apartment parking lot, 2214 Peters Drive, involving Gregory Kever. The investigation revealed that the decision making and actions of Officer James Konkel 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 LaCrosse Police Department, and the criminal use of force investigation determination made by Eau Claire County District Attorney Gary King.

A copy of the Eau Claire Police Department Administrative Review document and other associated documents, including Officer Konkel'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. The policy 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 eight specific Eau Claire Police Department policies to include:

- ECPD Policy 300 - Use of Force*
- ECPD Policy 303 – Control Devices and Techniques*
- ECPD Policy 304 – Conducted Energy Device*
- ECPD Policy 305 - Officer Involved Shootings and Deaths*
- ECPD Policy 308 - Officer Response to Calls*


ECPD Policy 400 - Patrol Function
ECPD Policy 416 – Patrol Rifles
ECPD Policy 422 – Mobile Video Recording System

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.

This critical incident reinforces our need to focus on drug abuse in our society. All too often, police officers respond to critical incidents in which individuals are under the influence or incapacitated due to the use of controlled substances. In this worst case scenario, illegal drug use resulted in violent behavior with a dangerous weapon that put Eau Claire residents' and our police officers' lives at risk.

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. Your commitment and professionalism exemplify the core values of our organization.


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