

# North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

## AFTER-ACTION REPORT

### Call-out

#### Summary Page

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY CALL-OUT					PLANNED EVENT					

Location: [REDACTED] Woburn Street Andover	Date: June 14, 2013
Begin Time: 1600	End Time: 2000
# Personnel Responding: 44	On-scene Commander Lt. Chaput

#### **Call-out Summary:**

Assist Andover PD with barricaded subject. 22 SWAT Operators, 6 CNT, 6 MSO SWAT,  
2 K9, 8 IMAT

#### **Events/Items of Note:**

See after action reports

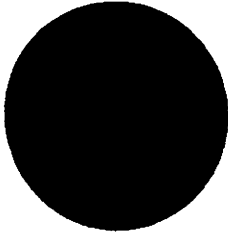
Attachments: After Action Reports, Roster

Submitted By: Sgt. Towle

Submitted Date: June 18, 2013

Control Chief \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council

## Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

Chief Michael R. Begonis  
Control Officer  
Wilmington Police Dept.

Lt. Stephen Chaput  
Commanding Officer  
Dracut Police Dept.

Sgt. Patrick Towle  
Officer-in-Charge  
Bedford Police Dept.

TO: Lt. Stephen Chaput SWAT Commander  
FROM: Sgt. Patrick Towle SWAT OIC  
RE: SWAT Callout Andover 67 Woburn Street

On Friday June 14, 2013 at approximately 1600 hours the NEMLEC SWAT Team was activated and instructed to respond to [REDACTED] Woburn Street Andover to stage for a barricaded subject. Upon my arrival at the staging area I met with Sgt. Higginbottom of the Andover Police Department and Lt. Chaput. Sgt. Higginbottom informed me that earlier in the day two social workers had gone to [REDACTED] Woburn Street to evaluate [REDACTED] at the request of [REDACTED] family. [REDACTED] suffers from Schizophrenia and had been acting very irrationally. During the course of the evaluation [REDACTED] became emotional and upset and struck his brother with a pipe and then chased the social workers and his brother off the property with a pitch fork. The Andover Police were contacted and responded to the scene. Upon the arrival of the marked cruisers [REDACTED] was observed running into the house. A perimeter was set up at that point around the house.

I was also informed by Sgt. Keefe that the Andover Police had responded to [REDACTED] home approximately one year ago to serve a section 12 on [REDACTED] and as a result of that incident a shotgun was confiscated from the home. It was unclear if the shotgun had been returned to [REDACTED] or if there were any other weapons in the house.

At this time an immediate action team (Alpha Team) was set in front of the house (1 / 4 corner) in the NEMLEC Bearcat. The Andover PD officers had secured the perimeter. Negotiator Scharnick was attempting to make contact with [REDACTED] using the PA of the Bearcat. Sgt. Higginbottom had been attempting to contact [REDACTED] by phone and by the use of PA prior to the arrival of the team to no avail.

With the arrival more operators and the Middlesex Sheriff's Office armor the Bravo Team was deployed to the 1 / 2 side and a perimeter team (Delta) was put into place. Continued attempts by the CNT to contact [REDACTED] were met with negative results.

The decision was made that the NEMLEC robot would be sent into the house to check on the status of the subject. To assist the robot with making entry into the house the Bravo team would breach the front door on the 1 side and the Alpha Team would breach the door located on the 4 side. The breaches would be conducted simultaneously. Upon breaching the doors the Alpha Team found the door on the 4 side to be unsecured but blocked by several chairs. Once the door was cleared Operators O'Leary and Max were able to observe the subject standing in the adjacent room. The subject was not assaultive or armed. He was then taken into custody and handcuffed by Operator O'Leary without incident and turned over to the Andover Police Department. A secondary search was then conducted by both the Alpha and Bravo Teams and then the house was turned over to the Andover PD.

The Alpha Team consisted of the following operators:

1. O'Leary - shield
2. Max - ram
3. Frechette - halogen, long arm
4. Bourque - less lethal shotgun
5. Fay - TL
6. Heller - Taser, gas
7. Gualtieri - turret, DCO
8. Cogswell - driver Bearcat
9. Scharnick - CNT
10. Ricci - CNT
11. Saia - side 4 coverage long arm

The Bravo Team consisted of the following operator:

1. Shackelford - shield
2. DiChiara - SubGun
3. Vaglica - long arm, less lethal
4. Vivolo - TL
5. Dicker - ram
6. MSO Maloney - long arm
7. MSO Karelak - long arm
8. MSO Abrams - medic
9. MSO Carder - driver MSO Bear

The Delta Team consisted of the following operators:

1. Palmer - long arm
2. McCarthy - long arm
3. Hanning - K9
4. Kinney - K9
5. Seamans - Robot

Once the team had returned the staging area they were immediately released and instructed to respond to the Tewksbury Police Department to assist in a search for a missing suicidal female.

It should be noted that during the course of conducting the secondary search of the home Sgt. Tom Heller (Alpha Team) while clearing a second floor bedroom stepped into a section of the floor that had been removed causing him to fall between two floor joists. As a result of this fall Sgt. Heller sustained several injuries; two lacerations on left shin, a swollen elbow (left), a swollen right knee and a right thigh injury. Sgt. Heller was going to seek treatment from his primary care physician if the injuries persisted or became worse. Sgt. Dorsey and Sgt. Frechette were clearing the bedroom with Sgt. Heller at the time and witnessed the incident.

**NEMLEC  
SWAT - CNT - K9 - IMAT  
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**EVENT: Andover**

**DATE: #####**

**TIMES: 1600-2000**

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Banosian, Shiraz, Ptl	Belmont		X		
	Borque, Mark, SGT	Tyngsboro	X			
	Chaput, Stephen, LT	Dracut	X			
	Cogswell, Steve, Ptl	Billerica	X			
	DiChiara, Chuck, Ptl	Waltham	X			
S	Dicker, Tom, Ptl	Watertown	X			
	Dorsey, Paul, Ptl	No. Reading	X			
W	Fay, James, SGT	Lowell	X			
	Ferguson, Chuck, Ptl	Burlington		X		
A	Fuller, Carl, LT	Winchester		X		
	Frechette, David, SGT	Lowell	X			
T	Gualtieri, Mark, SGT	Billerica	X			
	Heller, Thomas, Ptl	Stoneham	X			
	Keins, Steven, SGT	Westford		X		
	Max, Chris, SGT	Methuen	X			
	McCarthy, Stephen, SGT	Waltham			X	
	McDonough, Tim, SGT	Burlington	X			
	Noonan, Patrick, Ptl	No. Andover		X		
	O'Leary, Sean, Ptl	No. Reading	X			
	Palmer, Eric	Wilmington	X			
	Rego, Daniel, Ptl	Somerville		X		
	Saia, Mark, Ptl	Peabody	X			
	Scotina, Alfred, Ptl	Peabody	X			
	Seamans, John, SGT	Dracut	X			
	Shackelford, Kevin, Ptl	Somerville	X			
	Shelly, Jeffrey, Ptl	Concord		X		
	Surette, Robert	Lincoln		X		
	Towie, Pat, SGT	Bedford	X			
	Troiano, Chris, Ptl	Concord		X		
	Vaglica, James, SGT	Waltham	X			
	Vivolo, Carmine, LT	Somerville	X			
	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Fogarty, Andrea	CNT	X			
C	Foley, Brian	CNT	X			
	Herrera, Armand	CNT		X		
N	Higginbottom, Mark, SGT	CNT - OIC	X			
	Peaslee, David	CNT	X			
T	Post, Greg	CNT		X		
	Ricci, Eric	CNT	X			
	Scharnick, Sean	CNT	X			
	Sedgwick, David	CNT		X		



	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Arnold, Scott	Waltham				
	Buckley, William	MSO				
	Burnham, Ken	Lynnfield FD				
I	Cassidy, Shane	MSO				
	D'Agostino, Phil	Watertown				
M	Davis, Damien	MSO				
	Duffill, John	Danvers				
T	Dragone, Lauren	Newton				
	Eldridge, Frank	Newton	X			
	Foley, Mike	Arlington	X			
	Griffin, Michael	Salem	X			
	Keefe, Brian	Lowell				
	Landers, Richard	Concord				
	Magee, Dave	Woburn				
	Malm, Chris	Wakefield				
	Mathers, David	Amesbury				
	Mondalto, Jamie	Danvers				
	Poutas, Stacy	Newton				
	Riccio, James	Belmont				
	Russo, Richard	Beverly				
	Rudolph, Mark	Medford				
	Ryan, Christopher	Andover	X			
	Scafidi, Jeff	Armstrong				
	Scholtz, William	Amesbury				
	Skory, Steve	Wakefield	X			
	Simonds, Dave	Woburn				
	Spinosa, David	Lexington				
	Stokes, Keegan	Salem				
	Thibodeau, Joseph	N. Reading	X			
	Trombly, James	Contractor				
	Vinciulla, Jeffrey	Bedford	X			
	Vestri, Fabrizio	Pepperell	X			

	NAME	DEPT	PRESENT	ABSENT	IN-ROUTE	Comment - Assignment
	Fram, Thomas	Methuen				
	Sheehan, Timothy	Tewksbury	X			
	Begonis, Michael	Wilmington	X			
	Fisher, John	Carlisle	X			
	Picariello, Robert	Marblehead				
	Palma, Donald	Groton	X			
	Ray, Mark	Beverly				