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INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-302-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)

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CFS NO 1200704559	INCIDENT DATE 12/14/2012	TIME 09:41	INCIDENT DATE 12/14/2012	TIME	PRIMARY OFFICER JEWISS, DANIEL E.	BADGE NO 0336	INVESTIGATING OFFICER DRAGON, PATRICK R.	BADGE NO 0705
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

ACTION TAKEN:

On 12/14/12 at approximately 0937 hours while on duty traveling on I-84 westbound in the area of exit 7 monitoring the Troop A State Police Radio frequency in my assigned vehicle I heard the Troop A Dispatcher report an active shooter at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT.

Upon hearing the initial dispatch, I exited the highway and proceeded to travel eastbound on I-84 exiting at exit 10 at which time I followed several CSP personnel that were also responding to the school. While enroute to the school the Troop A Dispatch broadcasted several updates stating that the shooter was still shooting along with the locations as to where he was shooting in the school. One of the final broadcasts upon my arrival at the school was there had been three more shots heard.

Upon my arrival on scene at approximately 0950 hours, I parked my assigned vehicle just prior to the entrance of the school parking lot and with my assigned duty weapon drawn and medical kit on my shoulder I made my way to the northeast corner of the building where a perimeter had been set up. Upon doing so I heard someone shout out, "We need a rescue team, there are victims." After hearing this being said I then proceeded to the front entrance of the building with Tfc. Benecchi #1413, Tfc. Cournoyer #1315, Tpr. Katrenya #555 and Tfc. Cipriano #1383. (It should be noted that at this time it was still undetermined how many shooters were involved and that while attempting to gain entry into the school there was no available cover to utilize.)

Upon arriving at the front entrance of the school we met with Msgt. Davis who had informed us that one team had just entered the school and began looking for the shooter. While at the front entrance I observed the fact that there was a large hole in the glass window to the right of the front doors that appeared to have been shot out based upon the amount of spent rifle cartridges and broken glass that I saw on the concrete sidewalk on the exterior of the building.

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Before entering the school I advised Tfc. Benecchi that I was an EMT (EMT #90-1046) and that I had my medical bag with me.

Upon entering the school I observed a heavy set Newtown Police Officer standing in the west hallway who appeared to be breathing very heavy, visibly shaken and overwhelmed. I also observed that there was a large amount of shattered glass and several spent rifle cartridges on the floor in the interior entry way of the school. I then observed two Newtown Police Officers along with several other CSP personnel proceeding down the North hallway, looking for the shooter. After seeing this we then proceeded left and began to walk down the North hallway and upon doing so observed two females lying on the floor near the wall. Both females appeared to have [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED]. Both females appeared not to be breathing. After seeing this, I donned medical gloves and while utilizing cover from Tfc. Benecchi, Tfc. Cipriano and Tfc. Cournoyer, I attempted to check each female for signs of life by palpating their carotid artery. Both females were pulseless and not breathing at which time I stated that we could not help them. We then proceeded to walk down the North hallway and as we were doing so someone shouted, "Second gunman."

The first room we came to was room #10. I observed a white male possibly in his early twenties who appeared to be deceased lying on the floor wearing an empty holster on his right leg. On the floor next to this white male there was a handgun. I believe this white male was dressed in dark clothing. This white male appeared to have sustained a single gunshot wound to his head. As we proceeded further into the room we observed there to be several children lying on the floor. These children all appeared to be very young and not to have any signs of life based upon the amount and severity of the trauma sustained [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I attempted to check for survivors receiving negative results. I also advised the team that I was with that there was nothing that we would be able to do to help these children.

After exiting from room #10, I observed a Newtown Police Officer running down the hallway towards the front entrance with a child in his arms. After seeing this I was then directed to room #9 where Sgt. Cario #149 was providing medical attention to a female staff member of the school who had received gunshot wounds to her left hand and left leg.

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After identifying myself as an EMT to Sgt. Cario I asked for another set of medical gloves and upon donning the gloves we then picked this woman up and placed her in a chair that had wheels on it and then began to wheel her out of the room and down the North hallway towards the front entrance in order to get the woman out of the school and to an ambulance so that she may receive further medical attention. While doing so I grabbed the back of the chair while Sgt. Cario pushed the chair down the hallway. While Sgt. Cario was bent down pushing the chair I provided cover over his back with my assigned duty weapon. That before we exited the classroom another female staff member approached us and asked if the rest of the people in the room should follow us out at which time Sgt. Cario advised her that it was not safe to do so yet, and that she needed to get back under the table where she had initially been hiding. This woman then began to cry and repeatedly asked why and say that we could not leave them behind. Before wheeling the injured female out of the room I advised the woman who was crying that we would be back to get them and that they were going to be safe. Upon exiting the school we wheeled the injured female to Tfc. Kick's assigned vehicle. After assisting Sgt. Cario he then stated that I would need to go back into room #8 because there was a child that was still breathing in there. After being advised of this I then ran back into the front entrance of the school, down the North hallway and into room #8.

Upon entering room #8, I observed a pile of children who all appeared to be about 5 or 6 years old. There was also an adult amongst the pile of these children. This adult appeared to be deceased [REDACTED] 03, 12

[REDACTED] I observed multiple gunshots to the walls and windows in this room as well. My initial entry into this room was overwhelming as I recall myself saying, "Oh my god." [REDACTED] 03, 12

After this initial entry I then noticed that there was a little boy (later identified as [REDACTED] 01 02 03 12) lying on his side, eyes closed, with what appeared to be [REDACTED] 03, 12

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Once I had this little boy cradled in my arms, without cover I ran out of the room and down the north hallway to the front entrance of the school where I exited and then placed this little boy down on the concrete sidewalk in order to perform a more focused survey of this little boy before he could be placed into an ambulance. While running out of the school with this little boy I told him that he was safe and that I was there to help him.

03, 12

I then advised Sgt. Cario that we need to get this little boy into an ambulance however Sgt. Cario advised me that the scene had not been determined safe yet, and that it was still unknown if there was more than one shooter. Sgt. Cario then shouted out to the parking lot in front of the school to the other responding Police personnel that were arriving on scene that we needed a vehicle to transport this little boy to an awaiting ambulance. While waiting for a vehicle to transport this little boy away from the school I told him that his family loved him and that he was a hero for trying to protect his class.

03, 12

Shortly thereafter a dark colored Police SUV arrived to the front of the school at which time Sgt. Cario picked this little boy up and placed him in the back seat. That prior to Sgt. Cario doing so I advised him that he would need to place a blanket on the back seat before placing the little boy down in order to be transported away from the scene for further medical attention.

Upon this little boy being transported away from the school I then drew my assigned duty weapon and shouted, "CSP entering," I then re-entered the school through the front window that had been shot out. Upon walking down the North hallway I observed that Tfc. Benecchi and Tfc. Cournoyer were leading a group of young children out of the school via the North hallway past the two deceased females. While doing so I heard Tfc. Benecchi tell the children to close their eyes and place their hands on the person in front of them while walking out of the school.

It was at this time that I resumed with my responsibility of clearing the remaining classrooms throughout the school in an attempt to locate injured children or staff in need of medical attention or to evacuate from the school. That I can recall only but a few of the members of the team that I was with as being Tfc. Benecchi, Tfc. Cournoyer, Tfc. Guerra #420, Tfc. Blumenthal #690, Msgt. Davis and Lt. Hofbauer #40. There were several other CSP personnel involved with the initial entry however I am unaware as to all of their names. That as we were clearing the remaining hallways, bathrooms, closets and other areas of the school I recall myself and Tfc. Benecchi guiding a number of students out of the school to Det. Van Ness #1431 who then escorted the children and staff members out to the parking lot and away from the school. While doing so I would tell the children and staff members that they were safe and that they needed to play follow the leader while walking out of the school.

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I am unable to recall the exact amount of children and staff members that were remaining however we exited and re-entered the school multiple times during the course of this incident.

At one point during this process I recall meeting up with a group of CSP personnel in the Media Center. While in the Media Center I observed Tfc. Faughnan #580 attempting to speak with people who had locked themselves in a room. Tfc. Faughnan slid a Police badge under the door in order to identify himself as a Police Officer. After a short period of time we received the keys to unlock this room in order to evacuate these people from the school.

That during the course of treating the injured and evacuating the remaining children and staff from the school the CSP Emergency Services Unit Tactical Team arrived on scene and later conducted the final clearing of the school. That after this initial entry myself and several of the CSP personnel that initially entered the building met in the front entry way of the school at which time the decision was made to exit the school and regroup in the parking lot outside in front of the school next to a fire truck that had arrived on scene so we could be debriefed as needed. I was then advised that all responding personnel were to go back to Troop A to meet with CSP STOPS Personnel.

CASE STATUS: This case remains active and under investigation.

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