



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
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 AIKEN, BRENT W.	BADGE NO 0189
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

That on 12-14-2012 at approximately 0930 hours, Tfc. Casella #1398 came by my office with his portable radio that had a lot of communications being broadcast. I inquired to what was being transmitted, and he informed me that Troop A was responding to an active shooter in a Newtown Elementary School. I immediately ran downstairs to listen further and advise our (Troop I) Desk personnel to dispatch the Rt. 8 patrol and local patrol to the I-84 / Rt. 8 area to assist Troop A. I was then told to standby by Msgt. Gelven #094. I then advised Msgt. Gelven that I was heading to the scene to assist Troop A and Newtown Police Department personnel. I gathered my things and immediately left Troop I. I joined in a caravan of Troopers responding which included Msgt. Gelven.

Upon arriving on scene, I parked my cruiser on Sunnyview Terrace near the Sandy Hook Firehouse. I was directed to assist Major Hyatt within the firehouse. I reported to Major Hyatt and he advised me to attempt to coordinate all the classes that were arriving within the firehouse. I saw 2 uniformed Troopers and acquired their assistance. Tfc. Laurie Deltorto, Tpr. Jessica Colburn and Tpr. Kyle Bombace assisted me in this detail. As I looked around, approximately 5 classes had already come into the firehouse area along with staff and a tremendous amount of parents. I directed the Troopers to line up the classes by teacher and by grade level in ascending order from Kindergarten thru 4th Grade. I directed to them that I wanted kindergarten children classes at the western most area of the firehouse and ascending eastward as the grade levels increased. I then went into the office area of the firehouse to acquire supplies to assist in this organization. I grabbed some blank paper and markers. At this time I observed a small white female student, identified as [REDACTED] 01 02 03 12. After looking closer at this child, I observed that she had a significant amount of blood on her head and in her hair [REDACTED] 03, 12. She was cognizant and clear. I immediately made sure she was not physically injured and she was not. She spoke to me calmly and provided me with some basic details of what occurred in her classroom. Her father was present and ever so daintily wiping her face so slowly as he was in shock. He was [REDACTED] 03, 12. He r like he was cleaning a china doll. I advised her that she was so "Brave" for being able to speak to me and that I would return very soon.

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I then went into the garage and started making up large grade levels with the paper and markers (K, 1, 2,3,4). I provided all staff members with these pages to help organize all the students. As this was happening, I went back to see **01 02 03 12** in the office. The father was still cleaning the child up and I advised him to take her to a medical facility to be checked further for any injuries and that we would be in contact with her at a later time that day to gather what she knew. The father agreed to take her out of that environment and get additional assistance. I offered him an ambulance and he stated they would be all set.

At this time, there were approximately over 300 students, 30 staff members, and 200 + parents looking for their children as well as fire personnel, EMS personnel and Law Enforcement Personnel within the firehouse. In order to gain more control and get an accurate account of who was in the firehouse, I had the Fire Chief close the Firehouse doors. I then had Tfc. Deltorto and Tpr. Bombace start to get all the names of the students in each classroom. If their parents were present, I asked for their identifications to be checked and names written down next to their child's name. This task took some time while calming the children and parents as the firehouse was very noisy.

Once we had the names of the students and what classrooms they were in, the decision was made to release the children only to a parent(s). As the firehouse started to get cleared out, there were staff members providing written statements, as well as parents looking for their children. The decision was made to bring all of these parents inside the firehouse to a lounge area where they would be more comfortable and we could start to gather who we were missing and what classroom(s) were not accounted for at that time.

I was then tasked by Major McLean to be the liaison to Department of Public Health(DPH) until Capt. Begert arrived. I immediately observed a friendly face in Michelle Connolly, wife of Tfc. James Connolly #1372, I used to work with in the Town of Haddam. We were on standby, waiting to see when someone was going to advise the parents that their children were victims of this horrific massacre. DPH had numerous ambulances and medics on hand to assist if people collapsed after receiving the unfortunate news. As the decision was made to notify the parents and family members, I was tasked to have uniformed Troopers on hand to become the liaisons for the family to the DESPP. Capt. Begert arrived on scene and began providing directives to me to assign State Police personnel to certain families. We were very short personnel at the time and had a few Troopers looking after several families. Some of the family liaisons I remember on scene were TREMENDOUS with their descriptions of the victims, clothing, to ribbons in hair or hats worn by the victims. They provided me the information as well as photographs of the victims via their cell phones. I then had them forward the photos to my work e-mail (brent.aiken@ct.gov) as a collection site for all victim's photos.

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As I received more uniformed Troopers just arriving on scene, they were assigned a family to be the liaison to the DESPP. This single act was a valuable decision as it gave direct access to a State Trooper who could get information as needed. Major Hyatt, Major McLean & Capt. Hourigan were tremendous on scene about taking care of the families as well as the State Police Personnel.

I witnessed numerous Troopers coming up from the school. The Troopers were in shock of what they had seen and had to do on scene. The Troopers that came up were all speechless and had a look of disbelief on their faces. I knew at this point that the victim count was very high and a gruesome scene. They were informed to go directly to Troop A for a debriefing.

I then continued to organize all information obtained by the liaisons for Capt. Hourigan. As night approached, I was advised by DPH that a field hospital was en route from Brainard Airport as well as another large tractor trailer coming from New York. Both vehicles would need an escort into the school area. I assigned 2 Troopers to go to I-84 westbound exit 10 off ramp and wait for Brainard Airport vehicle to arrive and escort them into the scene. Sgt. Deltorto & Sgt. Hufcut also sent another Trooper to wait at the Greenwich rest area on I-95 North for the New York vehicle. The Command Post was then up and functioning.

Many families started to leave the firehouse after waiting for hours. I then went into the command post with Sgt. Deltorto & Sgt. Hufcut and started to plan for the overnight details and Troopers needed for the posts. We identified approximately 12 posts to be filled. We received direction from Capt. Begert to get 4 from each of our Troops/Districts. We completed this assignment and filled the overnight posts.

Capt. Begert decided that at approximately 2000 hours, that we should send home the liaisons who have been with the families all day. Several liaisons had a very large issue with this decision. Sgt. Deltorto & I went to speak to Capt. Hourigan regarding this decision. Hourigan did not have any additional answers but allowed those liaisons who wanted to stay to be able to advise the families (officially) of the deaths of their children/ loved ones.

Approximately 30 minutes after we started this conversation, we were notified that 2 identifications were made and they were underway. At approximately 0100 hours on 12/15/12, Sgt. Troy Anderson and Command Staff provided a direction for all notifications to be made to the families. The decision also entailed a Team approach (Trooper, Social worker, & clergy). Shortly afterwards, the teams deployed to their respective residences to make official notifications. I secured for the night around 0230 hours.

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