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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 KICK, CHRISTOPHER M. | | BADGE NO 0811 |
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ACTION TAKEN:

On 12/14/12, I was working as the Troop A desk trooper. I was at the front desk at Troop A when the "bat phone" rang at approximately 0936 hours. I answered the phone and was greeted by Disp. Betsy Brennan. Brennan informed me that there was a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. I replied that I will send Troop A cars to the scene. I was notifying Sgt. Salmeri of the situation and advised TFC McDaniel to assume desk operations so that I could respond to the scene. I exited Troop A and got into my vehicle. I activated my lights and sirens and headed toward I-84 westbound. As I approached the on-ramp, Dispatcher Brennan transmitted that the shooting was an active shooter situation. I continued westbound on I-84 to exit 10. While traveling, Brennan continued to put out transmissions updating all cars of the situation. I got off at exit 10 and turned left onto Church Hill Rd. I continued to the intersection and was advised to turn left onto Route 34. I made the left onto Rte 34 and continued approximately 200 yds before I saw TFC McGeever pass me going the other way. I turned around and headed back to the intersection with Church Hill Rd. I observed TFC McGeever traveling passed me again and realized that he had turned around as well. I stopped in traffic and asked a motorist for directions to Sandy Hook Elementary. He advised me to go to the intersection and take a left onto Riverside Dr. and Dickinson Dr. will be on the right. I advised all other responding cars of the proper directions to the school. As I was traveling toward Riverside Dr. I observed Sgt. Salmeri and Sgt. Wagnblas traveling the wrong direction. I motioned for them to turn around by waving my hand out of my vehicle window. I continued to the intersection, took a left onto Riverside Dr. and continued to Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Upon arrival to the school, I entered the school parking lot from Dickinson Dr. and traveled to the right side of the parking lot. I drove to the far end of the parking lot and positioned my vehicle on the front right corner of the school, near the front doors. I exited my vehicle and ran across the front of my vehicle to the front doors of the school. Upon approaching the front doors, I observed that the windows to the right of the doors were broken and glass was on the ground outside of the school. I am not sure if I checked the doors to see if they were locked but I eventually entered the school through the broken glass windows. As I climbed through the windows, I observed a Newtown officer to my right, in the corner of the lobby. I

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observed two women laying on the ground near the hallway to my left. Further to the left, I observed Lt. Hofbauer and MSgt. Davis. Lt. Hofbauer directed me to exit the school and establish a perimeter around the building. The radio did not seem to be working from inside of the school so I assumed the radio transmissions from the outside. I advised incoming cars to establish a perimeter on all four sides of the building. I observed Sgt. Salmeri and Sgt, Wagnblas approaching the Northeast corner of the building. I motioned to them to continue to the Northeast corner of the building and maintain a perimeter on that side. Sgt. Cario was directing me to establish a post on the Northwest corner of the school but I observed a uniformed Newtown officer hiding behind a dumpster on that corner. I assumed he was establishing a perimeter to the Northwest corner of the school. Since it seemed that all corners of the building were covered, I re-entered the front lobby of the school. At no time while I was on scene did I hear any gunshots being fired. As I entered, I observed a male dressed in black half way down the West corridor to the right of the lobby. I also observed a team of Newtown officers on the other end of the West corridor. The Newtown officers were ordering the male to drop what he had in his hand and to get on the ground. They ordered him several times before he complied. I was advancing down the hall toward the male (later identified as the janitor) while Newtown was giving commands to him. I believe that I was alone while advancing as the Newtown officer was still maintaining a post in the Northwest corner of the lobby. Newtown officers handcuffed the male. I remember searching a room to the right side of the West corridor and located a single female occupant. I advised her to remain in the room with the lights off. I returned to the hallway and the Newtown officers advised me to get the janitor out of the building. A Newtown officer and I escorted the janitor out of the building through the front lobby. As we were exiting the school, Sgt. Cario asked me for my medical kit. I positioned the janitor at the front of my vehicle and retrieved my medical kit from the front seat of my vehicle. I handed my kit to Sgt. Cario and then escorted the janitor away from the school. In the middle of the parking lot, I handed the janitor over to another police officer. I advised the other officer that the male claimed to be the janitor but that was not confirmed. As I was returning to the front of the school, I observed Sgt. Cario exiting the school with a white female victim on a rolling office chair. I opened the front passenger car of my vehicle and assisted Sgt. Cario in putting the victim into the front of my vehicle. I observed that she had a wound on her left thigh and left hand. I transported the female victim to the firehouse and assisted her into an awaiting ambulance. As I was returning to my vehicle, I observed Sgt. Cario in the back of a dark colored sport utility vehicle and he was leaning over a child victim. Cario called me over to assist him. I grabbed the lower half of the child's body and carried him over to the ambulance where I had put the female victim. Sqt. Cario and I put the child victim on the soft seat next to the female victim. The ambulance transported both victims to Danbury Hospital. I returned to my vehicle and advised Troop A to send more ambulance personnel as I didn't see any other ambulances available. I drove my car back to the school and positioned it near the front doors again. Sgt. Cario also returned to the school in the sport utility vehicle and we both entered the school again. As we entered the lobby, we began to move down the North corridor to the left. We entered the third classroom on the left side of the hallway and I observed multiple victims in the front left corner of the room. Sgt. Cario began to yell to the victims to determine if there were any live victims. There was no response from anyone. Sgt. Cario began to move the victims from their location to triage their injuries. I then exited the

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room and joined several teams in clearing the adjacent rooms. We then continued down the East corridor to the right and cleared every room. As we cleared each room we found students and teachers hidden in closets and bathrooms. We began to evacuate them from the building covering them as they moved down the hallway. As we got to the end of that hallway, I observed the lower half of a glass door that was shattered. At that point, it was not determined why the glass was broken. My team continued to clear classrooms in the South corridor. I recall clearing the library/media center since it was a different style room from all the other classrooms that we cleared. We then moved onto the West corridor and continued to clear rooms. We cleared all the rooms and returned to the front lobby of the school. At that point, I observed the Newtown Officer still positioned in the corner of the lobby. He appeared to be on the verge of fainting so TFC Benecchi and I assisted him out of the lobby to the front of my vehicle. I offered to get an ambulance for him but he refused medical assistance. The Newtown officer leaned on the front of my vehicle while TFC Benecchi and I returned to the school. I was in the lobby of the school when Lt. Perry assigned me to take a post in front of a classroom in the West corridor. I maintained that post until the tactical team could clear the entire school. The tactical team cleared every classroom moving clockwise from the lobby. The classroom that I was in front of was one of the last rooms to be cleared. Once the room was cleared by the tactical team, I was relieved of my post.

I exited the school and remained in the parking lot for a short time. I was tasked to assist in clearing several out buildings of the school as well as clearing the woods around the perimeter of the school. Once the building and woods were deemed secure, all first responding officers were gathered and taken to the firehouse as a group. Eventually we were all relieved and ordered to return to Troop A in Southbury. When I returned to my vehicle, that is when I observed the blood on the front passenger seat from the female victim. As I was leaving the firehouse, I stopped to talk to Tpr Figueral and he advised that there was blood on the side of my mobile data terminal computer. I returned to Troop A and notified the supervisors about the blood in my vehicle. I believe that I notified Sgt. Cario since he was the one who put the female victim in my car.

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