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August 25, 2020 After Action Report – Kenosha Riots

On Tuesday, August 25, 2020, members of the South Shore Joint Tactical Unit responded to Kenosha, Wisconsin, as part of a S.M.A.R.T. call to assist with QRF (Quick Reaction Force).

Responding to Kenosha was Cudahy Officer Adam Wege, South Milwaukee Officers Matt Kramer and Joseph Benson, and St. Francis Officer Johnnie Mielcarek. Officers brought riot gear (shield, helmet, and batons), full tactical kits, and Officer Wege brought a long rifle. Per the request, no chemical or less lethal munitions were brought and officers arrived to the location in the St. Francis Tactical Van.

Upon arrival to Bradford High School north parking lot (Command Post), SSJTU checked-in and were assigned to QRF Team 1 to respond and assist the Kenosha PD with high-risk calls. Shortly after, SSJTU was re-assigned and teamed with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office in their Bearcat with two Oneida County Operators (Jon Keckeisen and Gary Loduha). As part of this armored team with no chemical/ gas or less lethal munitions, SSJTU/Oneida County (referred to hereinafter as SSJTU) were assigned as Command Post security and reserve armor.

SSJTU's first assigned mission was to follow a Franklin PD squad to deliver supplies to crowd control officers at the Kenosha County Courthouse. While enroute to the courthouse, SSJTU's path was blocked by protestors at 52nd St and Sheridan Rd. There was no engagement with protestors and the mission was aborted. Squads returned to the CP to re-group while an unmarked unit delivered the supplies to their target.

SSJTU then remained at the CP until approximately 2230 hours when orders were given to deploy and assist other armored units (MRAPS and Bearcats) for crowd dispersal on Sheridan Rd. The Oneida County Sheriff's bearcat sustained exterior damage at this time from several rioters who threw large objects (possibly bricks). SSJTU remained near 57th St and Sheridan Rd while crowds were ordered to disperse approximately one block ahead. Armored units with chemical munitions began to push crowds southbound on Sheridan Rd.

While stationary near 60th St and Sheridan Rd, a crowd began to run southbound on Sheridan Rd and advised crowd control officers in the area of a shooting to the south on Sheridan Rd. This was followed by significant radio traffic of multiple persons shot south of the armored vehicles

location on Sheridan Rd. Orders were given for armored units to extract victims who were shot. SSJTU responded with several other armored vehicles and headed towards those injured.

On Sheridan Rd between 61st and 62nd Streets, law enforcement encountered two persons shot and lying in the street. SSJTU bypassed one injured with a significant gunshot wound to the right bicep and came to a stop with another injured victim with a gunshot to the chest area. Operators exited and provided lethal cover to the north and south of this location while other armored units secured the two subjects for evacuation. Once loaded, SSJTU provided cover for the bearcat transporting the victim with the GSW to the chest. The victim was transported a short distance away to the Froedtert South Kenosha Medical Center Emergency Room.

Our unit then cleared from the hospital and immediately located a subject crouched over and walking towards the ER with a shirt pressed to his stomach. This subject was on 62nd St a short distance north of the ER entrance. Believing this was another GSW victim, Operator Keckeisen and Operator Benson assisted this subject in walking into the ER. It was later learned this subject was shot by an impact or chemical munition during the crowd dispersal commands and did not have a significant injury. Operators returned to the SSJTU bearcat for further missions.

A short time later, CP requested SSJTU respond to 6215 10th Avenue (located across the street from the hospital) to assist the FBI and other armored units. Based on information provided by citizens, it was believed the shooting suspect was hiding inside of this location. SSJTU assisted by providing concealment and cover for FBI agents to enter the residence. The bearcat was utilized to create a path through a wooden fence and then pinned an exterior door of the residence located on the C-side. After approximately an hour, it was determined the suspect was not inside of the building and our unit was cleared for further missions.

CP advised SSJTU could return to the CP to rehabilitate and restock for further missions. Once at Bradford High School, the CP released SSJTU around 0245 hours.

There were no Uses of Force during SSJTU's deployment and no injuries were reported.

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