

After Action Review: Unified Command 622 Inca Street Officer-Involved shooting/Structure Fire

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Overview:

Units dispatched to a report of two DPD officers that had been shot and now a police standoff with a barricaded suspect at 622 Inca Street. R01, TR1, OPS 2 and D02 arrived on scene and staged at 6th and Santa Fe. OPS2 assumed Command then contacted Denver Health EMS supervisor. EMS stated the officers had been transported to Denver Health and the plan was to stage and provide EMS support for DPD. Command released R01 and TR1 and requested E11 and E21 to stand by. DPD set up a Unified Command Post at 7th and Kalamath. E11 staged at 7th and Kalamath with E21 and D02 staged at 6th and Galapago. After two hours E11 was released as DPD was still negotiating with the barricaded suspect. E21 was replaced with E15 and staged at 6th and Galapago. OPS2 was given information that fire was a possibility and a plan was developed to deal with the fire problem.

At approximately 1730 hours DPD reported a fire on the bravo side of the structure. DPD requested a hand line to the Charlie side of the structure. E15 positioned their apparatus in the alley just north of the structure. E15 pulled a 1 3/4" line and was instructed to give to Metro SWAT Officers so they could attack the fire since the suspect was still barricaded inside of the structure. OPS 2 called for a group response and D02 became Operations in charge of fire extinguishment operations. All units were to Level 2 stage at 8th and Kalamath. D02 assigned

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E01 to secure a water supply at 7th and Inca and stretch a supply line to E15 in the alley. E01 went to work on the hydrant with 5" supply and supplied E15 with two 3" supply lines. E01 then pulled a backup line and assisted E15 and DPD with fire attack on the Bravo/Charlie corner. TR1 also assigned to assist E01, E15 and DPD in the alley, E15 became the Bravo division supervisor. The building on fire was a one story single family residence approximately 25' wide x 50' deep. Fire was coming out of the window on the Bravo side exposing a two story multi family dwelling. No exposures on the Alpha and Charlie sides, Delta side had a single-family dwelling as an exposure with only 5' separation. D06, E11, T04, R01 and T12 (RIT) assigned to the Delta division with D06 assigned as supervisor.

All fire operations were defensive and being conducted by DPD personnel due to the suspect still being barricaded. DPD pulled a line from E11 at 6th and Inca to the Alpha side of the structure and began fire suppression. D02 established a temporary command post at 7th and Inca. TR23 on scene and assigned to the Bravo division as the RIT company for the Bravo division. All other units staged. OPS 2 requested two additional engines along with TR23 and D03. DPD was able to take the suspect into custody approximately 20 minutes into the fire, with no other suspects or people were known to be inside of the structure. All firefighting activities transferred to DFD personnel, defensive operations still in effect due to possible unknown hazards left by suspect.

Bravo division was changed to Charlie division and Delta division personnel were made into the Alpha division with D02 supervising. D06 assumed safety chief responsibilities. E08 and E06 returned to service from staging and D03 assigned to Charlie division on his arrival. Main body of fire knocked by Charlie division through windows on the bravo side. Fire did extend into the attic area and fire knocked by E11 through window on gable end on alpha side from and extension ladder. Fire knocked, and fire was under control at that time. DPD requested no entry by DFD personnel. PPV fan started on alpha side to clear smoke and reveal any hidden fire. DPD did allow TR1 to make entry and they were able to complete primary search, no other victims found or fire. Loss stop declared at this time. Arson delayed the investigation until a warrant could be obtained by DPD for the investigation. Building turned over to DPD for evidence custody and DPD informed to call back DFD if fire rekindled.

Risk vs Benefit:

Barricaded suspect who had already shot two DPD officers and still actively shooting/structure fire with 2 exposures to occupied structures.

Units Initially Dispatched: Ops-2, R-1, T-1, CH-2

R-1 and T-1 released due to them being technical companies and an anticipation of a long duration on scene time.

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First Arriving Unit(s): Ops-2, R-1, T-1, CH-2

Ops-2 and R-1 first dispatched, T-1 and CH-2 added immediately.

Additional Units Requested: E-11, E-21

Released after 2 hours and replaced by E-15

Additional Units Requested: E-15

Decided to only have 1 engine on stand-by due to the long duration of on scene time.

Fire Response Requested: E-11, E-1, TR-1, R-1, T-4, T-12 RIT

Additional Units requested: E-6, E-8 CH-3 T-23 2nd RIT

Communications: FCMD-2, TAC-2,

DPD operated on PLDISP-6, Metro Swat would not provide their Tac Channel.

Special Challenges, Hazards, and Safety Issues:

- Initial coordination with DPD before their command structure is setup.
- Staging at a safe location while trying to coordinate with EMS and their initial needs.
- Access for fire apparatus when the suspect is in custody.
- Keeping members from putting themselves in harm's way. Two separate engine companies were fighting the fire in the front and back of the structure before the suspect was in custody.

Command Structure:

IC: Unified Command 7th & Galapago with DPD and Denver Health (DPD Command Vehicle)

Safety Officer: CH-2, CH-6

Operations: CH-2

Division B: E-15, E-1, TR-1, T-12 RIT, (CH-3 arrived later into the incident).

Division D: CH-6, E-11, T-4, R-1, T-23 RIT

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Tactical Priorities:

Life Safety of DFD members, EMS support for Denver Health and DPD, protect occupied exposure for from fire.

Initial Strategy: Protect exposure and stay out of harm's way.

Initial Supply Line:

E-15 went off tank, E-1 had jacked to E-15 due to the DPD vehicle congestion.

E-11 on hydrant at 6th and Inca.

Additional Considerations:

- Recognize the difference between an active shooter and a barricade police standoff. **Active shooter**- where all fire personal should be in ballistic gear and ready to join a Rescue Task Force Team (RTF) with PD. Suspect is on the move and specific location is unknown.
- **Barricade** -Suspect is surrounded by PD and in a specific location, DFD is there for exposure protection and EMS support.
- Operations should be called Fire Branch under NIMS terminology.
- Let PD command know the fire Incident Action Plan.
- Calling for a group response prior to SWAT initiating the dispersal of gas or flashbangs. Level 2 stage all companies, then give a briefing from the Branch Director or Division Supervisor on a tactical plan.
- Set-up exposure protection lines prior to SWAT setting off gas or flashbangs, (from a safe distance and in ballistic gear).
- Using the Elkhart RAM XD ground monitor or aerial for exposure protection. Aerial could be extended and lowered to ground level while engineer is protected by a structure.

Safety Considerations:

- Members must be discipline and under no circumstances put themselves or other members in harm's way. Listen to the message being delivered by Command or Branch Director.
- CAD notes stated the suspect was out of the house and in custody, fire dispatch also stated over TAC 4, the suspect was in custody. This vital information should only come from Fire command who is direct contact with PD command.

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