



WILLIAMSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Williamstown Community,

On Sunday, December 22nd, an incident involving a gun occurred at 330 Cole Avenue. We understand that this has caused alarm and concern within our community. We want to assure you that we are fully committed to keeping you informed while also respecting the ongoing investigation. There is no threat to the general public.

At approximately 10:15 AM, Williamstown Police Dispatch received a call reporting an individual suffered from a gunshot wound at 330 Cole Avenue and he was enroute to the hospital via personal vehicle. Williamstown Police immediately responded to the scene. Upon arrival, they cleared and secured the scene. The individual suffering from the gunshot wound was transported to Berkshire Medical Center via ambulance from another location.

Concurrently, Chief Ziemba notified the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office to assist. The Detective Unit in turn, responded to the scene to assist the Williamstown Police Department. With the swift, coordinated law enforcement response, police were able quickly determine that there was no ongoing threat to the general public. Once this information was learned and confirmed, it was communicated via Code Red and Social Media.

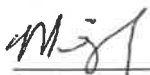
We recognize that many of you may feel unsettled. We also recognize that there are many remaining questions and a desire for more information in order to feel safe.

The investigation remains ongoing, and we must ensure that all details are handled carefully to protect the integrity of the process. Once the investigation has concluded, the Williamstown Police Department, in conjunction with the Berkshire District Attorney's Office, will hold a community meeting in partnership with local officials and housing managers from 330 Cole Avenue. This will be an opportunity to discuss how emergency situations are handled by law enforcement, how law enforcement communicates potential threats to the public, and how we can all be more aware of how to report suspected crimes.

We appreciate your patience and understanding that only limited information is available currently as law enforcement conducts their investigation. Your safety, and well-being are our top priorities.

Thank you for your concern for your community. We will continue to keep you updated as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ziemba', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Michael Ziemba
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