

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE 19-015

For Additional Information, Contact:
Sarah Millard, Director of Strategic Communications
Office: 608-364-6726
Email: millards@beloitwi.gov

Update

Feb. 6, 2020 - City of Beloit Police Chief David B. Zibolski will hold a news conference following the release of findings from the Rock County District Attorney's Office tomorrow regarding the use of force by City of Beloit police officers on Dec. 10, 2019.

1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2020
Beloit City Hall - 1st Floor Forum
100 State St., Beloit WI 53511

The City of Beloit Police Department plans to live stream the news conference on Facebook.

Officer Involved Shooting Incident & Investigation

Dec. 10, 2019 - This incident started at 11:42 a.m. today at Henry Avenue and Riverside Drive when a Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputy observed a vehicle believed to be stolen and reported hearing shots fired. After a brief pursuit, the suspect fled from the vehicle and a foot chase ensued. Our officers responded to assist and were looking for the suspect in the area.

Several minutes later, the suspect was located in the 1800 block of Harrison Avenue where he was observed to be armed. Three Beloit officers fired at the suspect, who received fatal injuries. The suspect was pronounced deceased at 12:25 p.m.

No law enforcement officers were injured in the course of this incident. We are not releasing the identities of the officers involved in the incident or the suspect.

An independent investigation is being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). The three officers involved have been placed on administrative duty until the conclusion of the investigation.

The School District of Beloit placed three schools - Merrill, Aldrich, and Robinson - on a soft lockdown during the incident. A soft lockdown means that school continues as normal but no one is allowed in and out of the building.

In addition to the Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Beloit Police Department, the Town of Beloit Police Department also responded to the incident.

Per state statute, the Wisconsin Department of Justice is conducting the investigation. As such, all questions should be directed to the Wisconsin Department of Justice at DOJCommunications@doj.state.wi.us or 608-266-1220.

###