

SEDAN HOLLOWS POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNICATIONS / DISPATCH RECORD

DISPATCH ACTIVITY LOG
CASE NO.: SH-06-1187
INCIDENT DATE: APRIL 23, 2006
LOCATION: SEDAN HOLLOWS NATURE TRAIL / EAST SERVICE ROAD / WOODED AREA B
CHANNEL: SHPD PRIMARY / COUNTY PATCH
SHERIFF: DALE WHITMAN
SHIFT COMMAND: LT. R. HARLOW
DISPATCHER: L. MORALES
EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN NOTIFIED: D. MERCER

TIME	ENTRY
01:41:58	911 CALL RECEIVED - Female caller, later identified as survivor, hysterical and partially unintelligible. Caller reports group attacked near wooded trail area. Caller states, quote, 'we split up' and 'he is still out there.'
01:42:21	DISPATCH (MORALES): Unit 3 and Unit 6, respond to Sedan Hollows Nature Trail, possible injured persons in wooded area. Caller states multiple parties separated.
01:42:39	DEPUTY ALAN BRIGGS: Unit 3 copies. En route from Main Street.
01:43:04	OFFICER PAUL RUSK: Unit 6 copies. En route from north service road.
01:43:27	LT. HARLOW: Dispatch, advise Atchison County EMS to stage near park entrance until scene status confirmed.
01:44:10	DISPATCH: EMS staging requested. Caller remains on open line. Poor signal. Background audio includes crying, leaves, and repeated request for help.
01:46:33	911 CALL LOST - Attempted callback. No answer.
01:49:12	DEPUTY BRIGGS: On scene at trailhead. One vehicle located near entrance. No occupants visible. Requesting second unit.
01:50:06	OFFICER RUSK: Arriving from east access road. I have foot traffic leading into tree line.
01:51:18	LT. HARLOW: Units hold perimeter until additional personnel arrive.
01:51:42	DEPUTY BRIGGS: Negative. I can hear someone screaming deeper in. Moving in with Unit 6.
01:52:09	DISPATCH: Unit 3, repeat. Are you entering trail?
01:52:16	DEPUTY BRIGGS: Affirmative. We are not waiting if someone is bleeding out.
01:54:44	OFFICER RUSK: Located blood on trail. Multiple directions. Possible drag marks.
01:55:03	DEPUTY BRIGGS: Dispatch, notify Sheriff Whitman. This is bad.
01:55:39	DISPATCH: Sheriff Whitman notified and en route.
01:58:22	OPEN MIC - Heavy breathing, movement through brush. Male voice believed to be Officer Rusk says, 'Stop, sheriff's department.'
01:58:31	OPEN MIC - Unidentified impact sound. Officer Rusk shouts. Transmission partially obstructed.
01:58:44	DEPUTY BRIGGS: Shots fired? Negative, no shots. Officer down. Officer down. Send everybody.
01:59:02	DISPATCH: Unit 3, advise your location.
01:59:18	DEPUTY BRIGGS: East of main trail. I do not know exact position. I have Rusk down.

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02:00:11	LT. HARLOW: All responding units switch to search pattern from trail entrance. Do not enter alone.
02:01:27	OPEN MIC - Deputy Briggs breathing. Distant screaming. Unknown male voice not identified.
02:01:35	DEPUTY BRIGGS: I see someone. Hey! Get away from him!
02:01:42	OPEN MIC - Sudden distortion. Loud impact. Deputy Briggs does not respond afterward.
02:02:04	DISPATCH: Unit 3, respond. Unit 3, respond.
02:02:18	DISPATCH: Unit 6, respond status.
02:02:40	LT. HARLOW: Dispatch, mark both units non-responsive. Advise Sheriff we have two officers possibly down.
02:04:09	SHERIFF WHITMAN: Copy. Two minutes out. No one else enters those woods without me.
02:06:52	SHERIFF WHITMAN: On scene at trailhead. Establish command at parking lot.
02:07:30	LT. HARLOW: Arriving. Beginning perimeter from east service road.
02:09:11	SHERIFF WHITMAN: I have one survivor at trail edge. Female. Severe shock. EMS in now.
02:10:03	EMS UNIT 2: Patient conscious but disoriented. Names given: Misty, Jeff, Tara, Rick. Patient states others still missing.
02:12:45	DISPATCH: Confirming reported missing parties: Kamie R., Shelia M., Roger K., Chris D. Current status unknown.
02:15:19	LT. HARLOW: Locate Briggs and Rusk first. Nobody crosses marker six without backup.
02:18:07	SEARCH TEAM: Officer Rusk located. No pulse. Severe trauma. Request body recovery delayed until scene secured.
02:21:33	SEARCH TEAM: Deputy Briggs located approximately forty yards east of Rusk. No pulse.
02:22:10	SHERIFF WHITMAN: Hold radio traffic. Families are not notified. Do not release officer status over open channel again.
02:24:55	EMS UNIT 2: Second survivor located near creek bed. Male. Alive. Transport priority.
02:31:18	LT. HARLOW: Evidence recovered near service road. Personal effects scattered. Possible trap device located.
02:37:44	SHERIFF WHITMAN: Public statement will reference isolated violent incident under investigation. No suspect details until further review.
02:42:09	DISPATCH: Atchison County notified. KBI notification requested through county desk.
02:49:36	SEARCH TEAM: Third survivor recovered from wooded area north of trail split.
03:06:57	SEARCH TEAM: Fourth survivor recovered. All four transported or pending transport.
03:18:22	LT. HARLOW: Four surviving victims accounted for. Four reported deceased or missing pending confirmation. Two SHPD personnel deceased.
03:40:10	D. MERCER: Evidence intake requested. Responding to scene after daylight approach.
04:12:58	SHERIFF WHITMAN: Maintain perimeter through daylight. No press access. No civilian access. Trail remains closed.
05:48:33	DISPATCH: Local inquiries increasing. Multiple parents at station requesting information.
06:21:47	SHERIFF WHITMAN: All media directed to prepared statement only. No names released until notification complete.
07:36:02	LT. HARLOW: Transfer all original dispatch audio and paper notes to restricted case file SH-06-1187.

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08:14:29	D. MERCER: Evidence processing begins. See separate Evidence Intake Form dated April 23, 2006.

RESTRICTED SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

This record reflects communications activity from the first-response window of the April 23, 2006 Sedan Hollows Nature Trail incident. Officer fatality notifications were withheld from public channel traffic by order of Sheriff Dale Whitman pending family notification. Victim names remained restricted at the time of this log. Public wording was limited to 'isolated violent incident currently under investigation.'

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