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Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Assists Pueblo Police in Officer-Involved Shooting

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office has placed four deputies on paid administrative leave per department policy in connection with the officer-involved shooting in the City of Pueblo Tuesday night.

The four patrol deputies were among a contingent of Sheriff's Office personnel that assisted Pueblo Police during and after the shooting rampage that left three Pueblo Police officers injured and the suspect dead.

"Our prayers go out to the injured Pueblo Police officers and their families," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "Anytime a law enforcement officer is shot in the line-of-duty, it's a tragedy. We stand with our brothers and sisters at the Pueblo Police Department during this difficult time."

Pueblo Police contacted the Sheriff's Office minutes after the shooting began to seek the assistance of a K9 to help search for the suspect that fired on police officers. Three PCSO K9s and their handlers responded along with at least six additional afternoon shift deputies to assist police in what was still a very active situation.

Sheriff's deputies, worked alongside police officers, as the suspect continued to shoot at law enforcement. Four deputies fired shots at the suspect to stop the threat. No deputies were injured in the incident.

The Sheriff's SWAT team was also activated and arrived at the scene. Sheriff's deputies remained on scene throughout the night and into today to assist with securing the crime scene. The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Mobile Command unit was also deployed to the crime scene.

Sheriff's investigators assisted in the investigation as part of the Critical Incident Response Team that was activated following the shooting. The CIRT is composed of personnel from the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, Pueblo Police, Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Bureau of Investigations and the 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office.



We thank the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for taking the lead in the investigation due to both the Pueblo Police and Pueblo County Sheriff's Office involvement in the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Sheriff Lucero said this incident demonstrated the camaraderie Pueblo law enforcement have in working together to keep this community safe.

“As this situation unfolded and we learned the magnitude of the incident, our deputies did not hesitate to join our partners at the Pueblo Police Department in stopping this threat,” Lucero added. “This is a chilling example of the unknown risks our law enforcement officers face each day. I want to thank all of the deputies and police officers in Pueblo County who put their lives on the line every day to keep this community safe.”

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