



DAVENPORT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATE Animal At Large | 2100 Telegraph Road August 28, 2024

The Davenport Police Department has completed the review of an incident involving a police officer and a dog near 2100 Telegraph Road. After a thorough review of videos from the neighborhood, body worn cameras, vehicle cameras, and interviews, Davenport Police are releasing video collected during the review.

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at approximately 7:20 PM, Davenport Police responded to the 800 block of North Pine Street in reference to a report of four dogs at large, appearing aggressive. The caller stated the dogs were attempting to get over a fence to reach their dog.

While the officer was responding to the call, he came upon two children on their bikes with a dog off-leash in the alley of 2100 Telegraph Road. The officer, while in his squad car, asked the children to put the dog on a leash. The officer parked his squad car behind a neighboring residence in the alley and approached the adult present to inform her of why he was speaking with the children.

Upon exiting his vehicle, the videos show the dog run out of its yard, through a neighbor's yard, at the officer standing near the alley. The officer's report completed as part of the call for service states:

"The dog charged me at full speed, barking aggressively at me. I overheard the adult woman say "oh no". I began to back up, holding my left hand out in hopes the dog would catch my scent and back away from me. The pitch of the dog's bark changed to a threatening bark.

The dog continued barking at me, baring its teeth at me. I observed the dog to be salivating from the mouth. The dog lunged at me multiple times, snapping its teeth at me in an attempt to bite me. I dodged the dog multiple times as it lunged at me while snapping his teeth.



This put me in fear of being seriously injured. I drew my service handgun and continued to back up. The dog lunged at me as I was backing up, trying to bite me. I discharged my firearm twice, striking the dog.”

The officer then requested a supervisor respond to his location, where the officer then remained on scene for approximately 23 minutes, while the supervisor met with family involved.

Body worn camera supports the officer’s statement about what happened. Based on a review of the facts, the officer’s actions were deemed lawful.

ORIGINAL INFORMATION

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The Davenport Police Department is aware of a public video showing an incident involving an officer discharging his firearm in an encounter with a dog, as family members are present.

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While the officer was following-up to the call in the alley of 2100 Telegraph Road, a dog ran out of a yard in the officer’s direction. The officer is seen on the public video slowly backing up while the dog advances. The dog’s behavior became aggressive, resulting in the officer discharging his firearm at the dog. The dog died as a result of its injuries.

Standard practice in these circumstances includes a department review of videos from the neighborhood if available, body worn cameras, vehicle cameras, and all other information available at the time. The Davenport Police Department is committed to taking the time to ensure all standards, policies and procedures of the department are followed.

Davenport Police are investigating the incident. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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