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Officer Gordon Beesley



Our community has seen immense tragedy today. Our hearts go out to all of those who were affected by today's incident.

Today around 1:15pm Arvada Police responded to a call of a suspicious incident in the Olde Town Square near the Arvada Library.

Just after 1:30pm we began to receive 911 calls that shots were being fired and an officer had been hit by gunfire.

A veteran officer of the Arvada Police Department was shot and killed. Officer Gordon Beesley has been with the Arvada Police Department for 19 years. He was a School Resource Officer at Oberon Middle School and was working patrol while school was out for the summer. Officer Beesley's family is asking for privacy at this time.

An additional adult male was also shot and killed during this incident. The identity of this victim will be released by the Jefferson County Coroner's Office.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both the Beesley Family and the victim/community member and his family.

This afternoon during the incident, residents were asked to shelter in place while we made sure the area was safe. This shelter in place was lifted late this afternoon. A second shelter in place was issued around 5:00pm out of abundance of caution and was lifted at 8:45pm.

At this time we believe this was an isolated incident and there is no continued threat to our community.

Our community should expect to see officers in the area throughout the evening and into tomorrow.

We know there are many rumors already floating around, this is still an active investigation and we will not be able to address or confirm rumors.

Again, this is an active investigation; as details are available we will release those through a press release. The Arvada Police Department will be the official source of information.

In addition, we want to thank all of the local police agencies who came to support us during this incident, and our community for the outpouring of support.

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