

LONE PEAK POLICE

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RE: 10/25/2019 INCIDENT RESPONSE LONE PEAK HIGH SCHOOL

As a public safety entity, it is a common practice to brief and dissect our response to incidents to get a better understanding of what we did well and where we can improve. As we began this process with the incident from 10/25/2019 at Lone Peak High School, we became concerned about the initial communication problems, and how it was that we received information in Highland, about an incident that was occurring in Salt Lake City. We have since discovered that when the call came into our police department it was transferred by police staff to our dispatch center (Central Utah 911) with the understanding it was occurring in Highland at Lone Peak High School. Transferring a call on an incident such as this to an emergency communications center is common so that the dispatch center can get public safety personnel responding quicker. Our dispatch personnel did an amazing job of gathering information and finding that the suspicious incident was indeed occurring at Highland High School in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately, when information about the initial call was shared amongst personnel at the police department, the specific information about the location of the incident had not been clarified. Therefore, our department responded to the school taking steps based upon information that was incomplete.

Our priority is the life and safety of the children in our communities. Although determined in the end to not be needed, we feel the response to Lone Peak High School on 10/25/2019 was appropriate based upon the information we had. In future incidents such as these, we will work to the best of our ability to prevent this type of miscommunication from occurring again; However, we will always err on the side of caution when it comes to protecting the children and residents within our communities.