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RE: Police Operations Near Stevenson School

It has been brought to my attention that many residents are making inquiries about law enforcement operations that took place on Knoll Road earlier today. I wanted to provide our citizens with as much information as I possibly could and to put to rest any fears or misunderstandings they may have.

This morning, the Fairfield Police Department was made aware of a law enforcement operation that was to take place in Fairfield on Knoll Road by an agency which I will not identify. This agency did not request the assistance of the Fairfield Police Department, and I do not know the nature of the investigation. This law enforcement agency was aware of the proximity of Stevenson School to their target location and the arrival times of students. It is my understanding that this law enforcement agency waited to perform their law enforcement operation until the time when children would no longer be arriving at school.

At that time, they commenced their law enforcement operation which included blocking Knoll Road. During that time, it is my understanding that some students and staff were enroute to a field trip and witnessed this law enforcement activity.

Since the Fairfield Police Department was not involved in the planning or execution of this law enforcement operation, we did not have the ability to make any decisions regarding its implementation. However, what I will say is that the law enforcement agency that carried out this operation is extremely professional and versed in such activity, and I can guarantee that had they felt any members of the public were in danger, the operation would not have been conducted in the successful manner that it was.

Sincerely,

Anthony G. Manna
Chief of Police