

Hoquiam Standoff Continues, Neighbors Asked to Contact E911 Dispatch Before Leaving This Morning

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Hoquiam, WA- The standoff continues in Hoquiam this morning after an officer was shot while trying to arrest a man who later barricaded himself in the second story of a home in the 2800 block of Aberdeen Avenue. The officer involved in the shooting has since been released from the hospital and is on paid administrative leave, he suffered minor injuries from two gunshots sustained during the initial confrontation. Police have not had verbal contact with the man since 4 hours into the standoff, when he fired several shots at the State Patrol's SWAT vehicle while members fired tear gas into the home. Hoquiam Sergeant Brian Dayton has since confirmed that he has a gas mask and a Kevlar helmet in his possession. Dayton said he is still active, and refusing to communicate this morning, and has placed a mattress in front of one window. Officers from multiple agencies evacuated neighboring homes and are still on scene assisting. Dayton this morning is asking that if residents in the cordoned off area need to leave their homes to please contact the E911 Dispatch center at 533-8765, and to be prepared for the possibility that they may not get back into their homes this evening. Including, the Critical Incident Team which consists of officers from Mason, Thurston, Lewis, and Pacific counties, as well as State Patrol. There is still a traffic diversion from the Simpson Avenue Bridge to the port industrial route past 22nd street, with 27th to 29th street still closed. The police department is in contact with the Hoquiam school district, to figure out how to accommodate a temporary new school bus route for the surrounding area. Pick up and drop off locations have yet to be announced. We will have more details as they become available to us.