Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team

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SMART Team Investigating Deputy Involved Shooting on Mountain Loop Highway

GRANITE FALLS, Wash. – The Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team is investigating a deputy involved shooting that occurred on the Mountain Loop Highway east of Granite Falls.

On February 12, 2018, a 34 year-old Lynnwood man texted a friend to say he was suicidal. The friend called 911 at about 5:15 p.m. and provided a potential location where the man was going. At approximately 8:20 p.m., three Snohomish County Deputies located the man’s vehicle at the winter road closure gate on the Mountain Loop Highway.

After contacting the man, a deputy fired multiple shots. Aid was rendered until Snohomish County Fire District 17 responded to the scene. The man was transported to the US Forest Service Ranger Station at Verlot and airlifted to Harborview Regional Medical Center.

Interactions between the man and deputies are being investigated. Detectives have recovered multiple edged weapons at the scene and no other injuries were reported.

The Snohomish County Deputy has been with the County for 18 years and will be on administrative leave pending the investigation.

More information will be provided when available.

The investigation is being conducted by the Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART), a team of detectives from various Snohomish County law enforcement agencies who respond to, and investigate, police use of force incidents. When the SMART investigation is complete, results will be forwarded to the Snohomish County Prosecutor’s Office for review.

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