



## **Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team**

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### **UPDATE: SMART Investigators continue investigation into February 12<sup>th</sup> Deputy Involved Shooting**

SMART investigators continue investigating the deputy involved shooting of a 34 year-old Lynnwood man that occurred at about 8:20 pm, on February 12, 2018, on the Mountain Loop Highway east of Granite Falls.

Deputies with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the report of a suicidal male after a man's friend received texts that he was going hang himself. The friend located the man and his vehicle at the winter road closure gate on Mountain Loop Highway. The man was intoxicated and had a rope, which the friend took before driving to the US Forest Service Ranger Station at Verlot to call 911.

Deputies arrived at about 8:20 p.m. and tried talking to the man as he sat in his truck. He was uncooperative, refusing to comply with deputies, and threatened to harm himself with a large knife. He then armed himself with a hatchet, exited the truck and walked toward the deputies. One deputy attempted to use a Taser while another fired his sidearm.

More information will be provided when available.

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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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