

Media Release

**Rowan County Sheriff's Office
Granite Quarry Police
Rowan County Emergency Services**

**For Immediate Release
December 2, 2022**

This morning, Friday December 2, at 12:38 AM Rowan County 9-1-1 received a call from two local residents reporting a structure fire with a possible person inside at 520 Mahaffey Dr in Rockwell. Fire units from Rockwell Rural, Rockwell City, Granite Quarry, Faith, Union, Liberty, Gold Hill, Bostian Heights, South Salisbury, and Millers Ferry responded. When the first fire unit arrived at 12:46 AM they found fire in a manufactured home with flames showing and a person was reported to be at the back of the home.

As firefighters went to the back of the home to attempt rescue and combat the fire, the only known resident at the home, Ronald Wayne Green, 45, began shooting. Law enforcement responded to the scene. As officers from Rowan County Sheriff's Office and Granite Quarry Police arrived at the scene additional shots were fired by the offender. A firefighter who was unable to make it to safety was shot. Gunfire was exchanged between officers and the offender, which resulted in a terminal injury to the offender. During the exchange one officer received a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the face and another officer received a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the hand. The firefighter sustained a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the face and leg. After sustaining gunshots, the officers then assisted in getting the injured firefighter to Rowan County EMS and First Responders before receiving treatment themselves. Officers from Rockwell Police Department and the NC State Highway Patrol also responded to the scene. Upon the arrival of additional law enforcement units, the scene was considered secure. Firefighters then resumed their extinguishing of the structure fire.

NC State Bureau of Investigation was contacted, which is standard procedure for any officer involved shooting. They are conducting the investigation of the shooting and of the fire. Any further request for information should be sent to NC State Bureau of Investigation.

The names of the injured officers and firefighter are not being released at this time out of respect for their privacy.

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