

Media Release

December 9th, 2022

Granite Quarry-Faith Police

Granite Quarry Fire

As reported on 12-02-2022, members of the RCSO along with an Officer with Granite Quarry-Faith Police responded to assist the fire service at a structure fire on Mahaffey Dr. Once firefighters were on the scene, they encountered the resident Ronald Green at the back of the structure armed with a shotgun. As the firefighters were trying to talk with Mr. Green the firefighter that was shot had ordered his fellow firefighter to run from the area. This is when Mr. Green discharged the shotgun striking the firefighter in the leg. The firefighter was able to make it to a wooded area for cover, however, was pinned down by further gunfire from Mr. Green.

Once law enforcement arrived on the scene, they maneuvered to the rear of the structure to locate Mr. Green. As the officers were converging to the rear of the residence, they located the downed firefighter and observed Mr. Green by the backdoor area. As the officers were giving verbal commands to Mr. Green in an attempt to deescalate the situation and to draw the attention away from the injured firefighter, he fired on Officer M. A. Corl striking him in the face and abdomen. A few seconds later Mr. Green fired on the Sheriff deputies as well, striking one in the hand. Remaining on the scene and injured Officer Corl was able to provide cover to the firefighter and return fire, as the firefighter moved to safety. After the firefighter reached a safe location, the officer was able to extract himself to receive medical treatment.

Officer M. A. Corl has been in law enforcement for over 10 years and has served the Granite Quarry-Faith Police Department for close to 8 years.

I would like to personally recognize the heroic actions of Officer Corl along with Deputy Addison, Plumley, Clement, Warren, Officer Moffitt with the Rockwell Police Department, and other officers on the scene, which brought this tragic situation to an end without further injury to others. Granite Quarry has hosted critical stress debriefing for all involved law enforcement and is continuing to provide after-incident care. As is standard protocol the SBI is investigating the incident while the Department conducts an internal investigation.

Furthermore, I would like to extend our condolences to the family of Mr. Green. This was an unfortunate situation, and we wish comfort and strength to the family.

In conclusion and from Chief Jason Hord with the Granite Quarry Fire Department and Chief Mark Cook with the Police Department:

We would like to acknowledge and thank all for the support we have received from the community, our friends and family, from our families in the fire service, our families in the law

enforcement community and the Rowan County Emergency Services Division. This has been a very emotional time for everyone involved and we wanted to let everyone know our injured firefighter is doing well along with the other firefighters that were with him. Officer Corl is also doing well. We kindly ask for your continued support and prayers as our members continue to recover.

**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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