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**To:** Mr. Thomas Bonfield, City Manager  
**From:** Cerelyn Davis, Chief of Police  
**Date:** November 29, 2016  
**RE:** **Five-Day Report on November 22, 2016 Officer-Involved Shooting**

An officer-involved shooting occurred on Tuesday, November 22 in McDougald Terrace. The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation is currently conducting an independent investigation into any potential violations of law by the involved officers, which is standard procedure in such cases. Upon the conclusion of their investigation, the SBI will present their findings to the Durham County District Attorney's Office. The Durham Police Department's Professional Standards Division is conducting an administrative investigation to ensure that all departmental policies and procedures were followed. The investigations are ongoing and, as they develop, are expected to uncover details which have yet to be determined such as how the encounter evolved, the number of shots fired, and autopsy findings. Based upon initial statements from responding officers and reports from the Durham 911 Center, a preliminary review of this incident indicates the following:

Master Officer C.S. Barkley, Officer M.D. Southerland and Officer C.Q. Goss, members of the Violent Incident Response Team (VIRT), were patrolling in the area of Wabash and Dayton streets around 12:30 p.m. All three officers were wearing standard Durham Police Department patrol uniforms. Master Officer Barkley and Officer Southerland were driving unmarked patrol cars and Officer Goss was driving a marked patrol car.

Officer Southerland saw a man near Building 60 and got out of his patrol car to speak with him. Master Officer Barkley pulled up and he and Officer Southerland started talking to the man. During the conversation, the man, later identified as 34-year-old Frank Nathaniel Clark of Durham, reached for his waistband and a struggle ensued.

During the struggle, the officers heard a shot, Officer Southerland fell to the ground, and Master Officer Barkley fired his duty weapon in response.

Officer Goss immediately got on the radio at 12:32 p.m. and called for help. “Shots fired. McDougald Terrace. Shots fired! Suspect down! Suspect down!” Dispatchers immediately said that EMS was en route.

Another officer said, “Shots fired! I got an officer down. ” A few seconds later, Goss replied on the radio, “We have one officer that is injured. He is not down. The suspect is down. The suspect is down.”

Two additional officers arrived on the scene and began performing CPR on Clark. They also attempted to use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Officers performed CPR until Durham County EMS and the Durham Fire Department arrived on scene. Clark was pronounced dead at the scene. Officer Southerland was taken to the hospital by ambulance for treatment of his injured leg.

Officers on scene called for additional officers to set up a perimeter. In addition to DPD officers, officers from the NC State Highway Patrol and North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement responded to provide assistance.

A loaded Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun was found lying on the ground next to Clark. The gun had been reported stolen in January in Durham. During treatment from EMS, a white rock-like substance wrapped in a plastic bag fell out of Clark’s pants. This substance, along with all involved handguns and additional evidence, was collected to be processed through the SBI. Once the crime scene was cleared, there were no additional incidents reported.

Chaplains from the Emergency Chaplains organization and a member of the DPD’s Victim Services Unit responded to the scene to provide community support.

On Wednesday, Police Chief Cerelyn Davis, Deputy Chief Anthony Marsh, District 4 Captain Daniel Edwards, Public Affairs Manager Wil Glenn and Durham Housing Authority Director Anthony Scott met with approximately one dozen community members, including residents of McDougald Terrace, to discuss the incident. A community meeting for residents of McDougald Terrace was held at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 28 at the TA Grady Recreation Center.

Master Officer Barkley joined the Durham Police Department in 1997. Officer Southerland joined the DPD in 2006 and Officer Goss joined in 2005. All three officers are on administrative leave with pay, which is standard following an officer-involved shooting.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the SBI at (919) 779-8188 or 1-800-334-3000 (after hours).