



# Saint Paul Police Federation

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## Saint Paul Police Federation Statement Regarding Officer-Involved Shooting on December 7, 2023

As we process the third incident in just over a year where one of our St. Paul Police Officers had no other option than to use deadly force after a suspect attempted to kill them, the context of this encounter is particularly crucial. We know it's been traumatic for the community to see their officers under such duress and appreciate their unyielding support. It's important for our community to know that we will continue to show up and do our work to keep them safe and preserve the peace, even in the most violent of times for police officers and our communities.

For anybody who knows what they're watching in the video, it's abundantly clear how dynamically and exceptionally Officer Tschida performed in this situation. His work, on this day, displayed his courage, resilience, experience, instincts, and training...which in-turn allowed him to prevail and save innocent lives in the process. By the Grace of God, the victim of this domestic situation was not harmed or killed, nor were any innocent bystanders. Luckily for Mike, his family, our police department, and the City of St. Paul, he is alive and doing well in his recovery.

Mike was ambushed. The suspect had an opportunity to comply with Mike's orders or even flee, but instead chose to take cover and then come up firing at Mike. Fortunately, Mike's instincts took over incredibly early on by realizing that the suspect's actions could likely lead to him taking fire. After being shot, Mike was able to fight through his injury, move, return fire, and stop the threat. Mike proceeded to control the scene, provide directions to bystanders, relay information over the radio, and render the scene as safe as he possibly could until back-up arrived. Mike's actions were heroic. Mike needed a warrior's heart to battle through this situation to save innocent lives and he did it with the amount of professionalism and precision that was required of him at that moment. He did what he absolutely had to do to survive somebody trying to kill him. This is the type of situation no officer ever wants to be a part of, but this horrific sequence of events was dictated by the suspect, not Mike. As always, compliance would have resulted in a totally different outcome. This fact cannot be overlooked or overstated.

As we approach Christmas, please take time to reflect and appreciate the sacrifice Mike and cops all over our city, state, and country make every day to keep our communities safe. The outpouring of public support for Mike and our cops has been overwhelming. Thank you.

Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year. May 2024 bring you good health and hopefully a better environment for cops.