



# PRESS RELEASE

*City of Pueblo Police Department*

## Officer-Involved Shooting



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June 26, 2022 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]

On Sunday, June 26, 2022, at approximately 2:58 p.m., Pueblo police received a call about a suicidal male in the 2700 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Police received additional calls from the suicidal male saying he was going to shoot himself and others in the area.

The male was trying to stop cars traveling in the area. Officers arrived and contacted the male in the roadway. This male was wearing a tactical vest and armed with several firearms. The male ignored police commands and raised his weapon. A police officer shot the male. The male was pronounced deceased on scene. No officers were injured in the incident.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District CIT (Critical Incident Team) led by the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, will handle this investigation. The involved officers were placed on administrative leave per standard protocol.

Colorado Crisis Services is the statewide behavioral health crisis response system offering residents mental health, substance use or emotional crisis help, information and referrals. Its mission is to strengthen Colorado's mental health system by providing Coloradans with greater access to crisis services wherever they are at 24/7/365 regardless of ability to pay. Call 1-844-493-8255 or text "talk" to 38255. Locally, you can call Health Solutions at (719) 545-2746.

The information contained in this press release is based on preliminary information available at the time of its drafting. The Pueblo Police Department's understanding of this incident may change as additional evidence is collected, analyzed and reviewed. The Pueblo Police Department does not draw any conclusions about whether the officers acted consistent with our policies and the law until all the facts are known and the investigation is complete. The purpose of this press release is to provide timely information to the public. In consideration of the foregoing, please be advised that any statements expressed herein are subject to change at any time.

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