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Glendale Police Respond to Calls for Help due to Multiple Fights breaking out at Spring Break Event

Glendale, Ariz. – On March 16, 2019, Great Skate roller skating rink hosted an “All Night” event for local teenagers to have a place to go and have fun during their spring break. Per Great Skate management, these “All Night Skates” are special events that are hosted approximately eight times a year. On this night, there were two “off duty” Glendale Police officers that were hired by Great Skate as part of a partnership that has been in place for many years between the two organizations.

During the onset of the event, patrons and teenagers attending the overnighter were allowed entry through the main doors at which time a wristband was placed on their arm signifying that they were accounted for and allowed to attend per Great Skate policy and admission price. During the 9 PM hour, staff performed a count and determined that there were over 500 attendees within the building and no more people could be let in. With approximately 200 people still in line outside and being turned away, groups of fights began among the teens in the parking lot that continued into adjacent businesses. The off-duty officers called for backup officers to respond for the fights and disruptive behavior outside. Among the behavior being observed were multiple fights, reports of thefts from businesses and vehicles in the area and kids throwing rocks at passing cars. During the response to these fights, officers did deploy

oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray to disperse the groups of aggressors failing to comply with officers' commands.

During the event, someone in attendance opened a fire escape exit door and allowed a group of people to enter unchecked by staff. This was brought to the attention of the Great Skate staff as well as officers so that they can begin to look for occupants without the required wristband. During a tour of the attendees, a 16yo male was located by an officer not wearing the required wristband. Immediately upon contact, the 16yo male became visibly upset and assumed an aggressive stance toward the uniformed officer. The officer was able to de-escalate the situation and escorted the 16yo male toward the exit door. Upon exiting the establishment, the 16yo male grabbed a sign posted at the door and ripped it while knocking the display to the ground. As officers continued to address juveniles outside the front doors, the 16yo that was escorted out of the business returned and ran at one of the officers while his back turned. Seeing the 16yo male charging at the officer's blind side, another officer deployed his OC spray at the male as he impacted the officer. The officer then turned and deployed his less lethal taser probes striking the 16yo male in a large muscle group as trained. The male was then placed in handcuffs and medically treated as policy during less lethal deployments. The 16yo was transported to the hospital at the request of his parents for precautionary reasons and a criminal charge of Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer has been submitted to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for review.

As officers were dealing with the 16yo, additional physical fights began to break out within the business causing juveniles in attendance to flock toward the fights with their phones out. These fights were among multiple kids and was a definite safety threat to those in attendance to include staff and officers. Officers inside requested backup and as additional officers arrived on scene, the fights were broken up and the aggressors

detained. During the response to the on-going fights, OC spray was deployed on those failing to comply with orders to stop. Due to the number of attendees in close proximity of the fights to video tape and watch, the aerosol-based spray did affect those near the altercation. One of the aggressors inside the skating rink was taken to the ground by officers and a department approved pressure point technique was applied to gain further compliance. Once the fights were diffused, the event was terminated by staff, and all attendees were told to call a guardian to be picked up as well as age groups separated for safety as much as possible given the “mob” like environment that had been created. As officers were outside attempting to break up additional fights in the parking lot, to include responding to calls for help from surrounding businesses due to more fights, the teenagers that were leaving the event began to jump on marked police vehicle’s hoods and kicking the body panels as they left. Multiple police cars in attendance that night received damage to include the personally owned vehicle of an off-duty officer. The level of damage to City vehicles is still being identified as City workers evaluate the fleet. During the event, officers and fire personnel made announcements and searched the area for anyone in need of medical treatment. Minor injuries from the fights, exposure to residual OC spray and minor health issues were treated.

Following this incident, Glendale Police and Great Skate management have been in constant contact as we collaboratively address what has happened and what precautions can be taken in the future to ensure that this is an environment that can be attended and enjoyed for years to come without the fear of uninvited guests interrupting the event.

Attached with this release is a redacted copy of the incident as captured by Great Skate surveillance cameras. Due to the number of juveniles in the video, the images have been blurred to protect their identities. A copy of the call notes as reported via police radio during this incident is also being included for your information.

Calls for Service Sheet CFS: E1900037866

GLENDALE AZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

\\ 917757 21:40:57 Field Event
\\ 917757 21:43:16 -- ABOUT 200 KIDS BEING 415
\\ 917824 21:48:59 -- ADDITIONAL UNITS FOR MULTIPLE 239'S
\\ 917824 21:49:08 -- BREAKING THEM UP 1 BY 1, NO NEED TO HOLD
\\ 917824 22:06:32 -- FEW ADDITIONAL UNITS, ANOTHER 239 BREAKING OUT, C4 FOR NOW
\\ 917824 22:07:34 -- SUPERVISOR TO RESPOND
\\ 917824 22:19:42 -- START 3-4 MORE UNITS
\\ 917824 22:29:39 -- FIGHT ON FAR EAST SIDE OF P-LOT
\\ 917824 22:30:11 -- CORRECTION *** CHEMICAL AGENTS DEPLOYED
\\ 917824 22:30:20 -- COPIES
\\ 917824 22:30:29 -- C4 FOR NOW
\\ 917824 22:36:48 -- SEPARATE CHANNEL, UNMONITORED
\\ 917824 22:37:03 TRAFFIC MOVED TO CH5, NO MONITOR, 40Y COMMAND
\\ 16439 23:04:44 RECEIVED CALL FROM TARGET 10404 N 43 - ADVISING LARGE GROUPS OF JUVIES BEING 415 IN THEIR PARKING LOT AS WELL
\\ 918196 00:16:00 -- POTENTIAL GROUP OF JUVIES RETURNED BREAKING INTO VEHS
\\ 918196 00:17:13 -- LARGE MASS OF JUVIES UNKN DESCRP
\\ 918196 00:17:56 --THEY ARE JN OF THE DAYCARE BETWEEN STINGERS AND GREATSKATE AND TOOK OFF NORTHEAST TOWARDS TARGET
\\ 918196 00:20:43 --LARGE CROWD OF KIDS. TOOK OFF TOWARDS TARGET
\\ 918196 02:26:42--415 SUBJ HERE IFO GREAT SKATE NEED ADDL UNITS
\\ 918196 02:27:40 --TASER DEPLOYED 0227
\\ 918196 02:27:56-- 40Y COPIES
\\ 918196 02:28:12 --ADVSD TASER DEPLOYED AT 0227 HRS
\\ 918196 02:28:44 --ONE DETAINED AT 0228
\\ 918196 02:30:12 -- SEVERAL JUVIES RUNNING NORTH FROM GREAT SKATE
\\ 918196 02:31:36 -- NO OUTSTANDING SUBJS JUST NEED PEOPLE TO DRIVE THROUGH TO SCATTER THE REST
\\ 918196 02:32:33 --ROLL FIRE FOR TASER DEPLOYED ON JUVIE
\\ 918196 02:34:24 --DINE AND DASH AT DENNYS SUBJS RUNNING SB
\\ 918196 02:34:38 --HOLD TRAFFIC FOR A FIGHT AT 0234 HRS
\\ 918196 02:35:09 --NEED ADDL UNITS
\\ 918051 02:36:43 --FIRE NOW STAGING, ADVISE WHEN C4
\\ 918196 02:36:46 --C4 FOR NOW CHNL CLEAR 0236
\\ 918196 02:37:23 --C4 OUTSIDE FOR FIRE NEW FIGHT IS INSIDE
\\ 17521 02:40:47 DENNYS CALLING IN ON THE JUVIES INSIDE OF THE RESTAURANT. SAID THEY ARE ALL UNDERAGE AND HAVE NOT LEFT SINCE POLICE KICKED THEM OUT OF GREAT SKATE. SHE IS SCREAMING AT PEOPLE, HARD TO GET INFO OUT OF HER. WANTS THE JUVIES OUT OF HER RESTUARANT, ALL OF THEM. THIS IS THE MANAGER OF DENNYS
\\ 918196 02:41:15 --SEVERAL KIDS WALKING TOWARDS THE GATE UP FRONT
\\ 918196 02:43:48 --ADVSD UNITS OF DENNYS TRAFFIC
\\ 918196 02:44:28 --ANOTHER 239 BREAKING OUT
\\ 918196 02:44:34 HOLDING TRAFFIC AT 0244
\\ 918196 02:44:50 --C4 TO RELEASE CHNL CLEAR 0244
\\ 18135 02:45:10 FIRE ROLLING IN
\\ 918196 02:45:31 --HOLD TRAFFIC
\\ 918196 02:46:06 --ONE GOING WB ON N/S OF THE BUILDING
\\ 17521 02:46:57 FIRE CONTINUING TO STAGE DUE TO CHAOS, EVEN THROUGH WE GAVE C4. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN IT IS SUPER C4 FOR FIRE TO ROLL IN
\\ 918196 02:47:01--RELEASE TRAFFIC
\\ 918196 02:47:05 CNHL CLEAR 0247
\\ 17521 02:49:34 10201 N 44TH DR, CALLING IN SAYING THE JUVIES THAT RAN FROM PD ARE IN THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN HER APT AND GREAT SKATE AND THEY ARE SCREAMING UNK THINGS, LOUD ENOUGH TO WAKE HER UP
\\ 918196 02:50:26 --IN THE ALLEY
\\ 918196 02:51:22 --POSS SUBJ B/M WHT TANK TOP
\\ 918196 02:51:27 --INSIDE THE GREAT SKATE
\\ 918196 02:51:54 -- ALL PARTIES LEAVING OUT THE FRONT DOOR
\\ 11224 03:01:56 EMPLOYEE AT DENNY'S STATING 30 KIDS ARE OUTSIDE ALL BEING DISORDERLY...CAME FROM GREAT SKATE
\\ 17521 03:01:58 DENNY'S CALLING BACK, ADVISED HER OF STATUS, BUT STILL WANTS OFFICER TO COME WHEN THEY ARE C4 AT GREAT SKATE
\\ 918196 03:02:30 --HUNDREDS OF KIDS OUT HERE COPY DENNYS TRAFFIC
\\ 918196 03:04:42 --C4 TO RELEASE
\\ 918196 03:04:46 -- CNHL CLEAR 0304
\\ 918196 03:05:22 --ANOTHER FIGHT
\\ 918196 03:05:29 HOLDING TRAFFIC AT 0305
\\ 11224 03:09:24 PHX REPORTING A 15 Y/O MALE HAVING AN ASTHMA ATTACK AT THE TARGET POSSIBLY THE INCIDENT AT THE GREAT SKATE. PERSON WHO CALLED PHX 21 FIRE 17

Calls for Service Sheet (cont)

\\ 18135 03:10:54 101 ON THE PHONE BY TARGET ... THERE WAS MALE THAT IS SEVERE RESPERATORY DISTRESS, COULDN'T FIND HIS INHALER ... B/M GRAY HOODIE
\\ 918000 03:12:53--PHX SHOWING UP ADVISING THEY REC'D CALL FOR 5 PEOPLE SHOT
\\ 918000 03:13:01 NEG CALLS FOR SHOTS FIRED IN AREA
\\ 917824 03:16:45 -- WE CAN GET A UNIT TO GO CHECK ON THE JUVIE W/RESP DISTRESS, BUT FIRE IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO COME IN HERE...
\\ 917824 03:16:55 -- RELEASE FOR NOW, WE HAVE NUMEROUS PHX UNITS W/US HERE...
\\ 917824 03:16:57 CH4 CLEAR
\\ 18135 03:21:27 FIRE STAGED AT 10101 N 43RD : J/S ... ALSO STAGED AT 4400 W PEORIA FOR THE BREATHING ISSUES
\\ 18135 03:23:03 PHX PD ADVS 239 BREAKING OUT AT DENNY'S
\\ 18135 03:23:15 PHX OFC IS GOING TO XPORT THE JUVY WITH BREATHING ISSUES TO 10101 43
\\ 917824 03:24:33 PHX IS TAKING THE JUVIE TO 10101 43 WHERE FIRE IS STAGED For TREATMENT
\\ 917824 03:24:55 E157 STAGING AT STATION 154
\\ 917824 03:27:50 FOR THE JUVIE W/DIFF BREATHING
\\ 917824 03:28:19 THE ENG154 THAT WAS STAGED AT 10101 N 43RD AVE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR THE JUVIE TASED...
\\ 917824 03:30:58 -- 2 SUBJ WALKING IN P-LOT BY TARGET, NO ACTIVE 239
\\ 917824 03:31:07 -- 30-40 OF THEM WENT INSIDE THE DENNY'S.. THEY WANT THEM ALL 418T..
\\ 917824 03:31:45 -- GOING TO TRY TO GET THEM ALL OUT PEACEFULLY
\\ 917824 03:35:10 -- WHOLE P-LOT OF TARGET & GREAT SKATE, NO ONE ADVISED OF NEEDING ANY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.. CAN CXL FIRE FOR NOW..
\\ 917824 03:35:31 E157 COPIES DIRECT ON CH4
\\ 917824 03:44:34 -- BLIND CALL SUBJ LOOKING FOR GRANDSON IN GRY SUV, MIGHT BE OVER BY GREAT SKATE
\\ 917824 03:45:08 -- SPOKE TO THAT MALE EARLIER, HE WAS GOING HOME TO SEE IF THE JUVIE WENT HOME ON HIS OWN
\\ 917824 03:45:09 -- PHX IS OUT W/THE GRANDSON, IF WE FIND HIM WE CAN REFER HIM TO THEM
\\ 917824 03:48:22 -- UNIT W/CAM TO FRONT OF GREAT SKATE
\\ 17600 04:07:31 REFERENCE INCIDENT I19037282 FOR 245 ON OFFICER(S). CHARGES SUBMITTED ON SUBJECT ****Juvenile Name Redacted**** TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL FOR PRECAUTIONARY. NFI

Redacted video footage of Great Skate surveillance is included

Note full length redacted footage can be made available with formal public records request at <https://www.glendaleaz.com/Clerk/publicrecordsrequest.cfm>

**Spanish translation available*

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