

# MEDWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

---



## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### POLICE RESPONSE TO SWATTING CALL-MEDWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Incident: 123-3956  
Date: March 28, 2023  
Time: 9:14am

Medway Police officers responded to Medway High School in response to a 911 call reporting an armed intruder had entered the building and that there were five victims. Medway on-duty personnel had been alerted to several swatting incidents occurring during the morning in other area schools. A Swatting is a hoax call reporting a violent or potentially violent incident designed to trigger a large-scale police response.

Medway Police Department Lieutenants Mathew Reardon and Jeffrey Watson coordinated an organized response of patrol, investigative, administrative, and dispatch personnel, alerted our School Resource Officer Paul Mclaughlin, who alerted the school district, and responded to various response posts in the event Medway received a report of an incident at one of our schools.

At about 9:14am, Medway Dispatch received a call reporting a white male dressed in black pants and blue pants entered the Medway High School armed with a handgun. The caller reported that the intruder had injured five people.

The school was notified, executed their response protocol, and our officers responded. A sweep of the school was conducted, and no intruder was found, no injured persons were located, and after consultation with school officials it was determined that the call was a hoax.

Our officers stood at the school until normal operations had resumed and conducted sweeps and security checks at our other schools. The incident is under investigation by Medway Police Detectives.

**Prepared by:**  
Chief of Police William H. Kingsbury

**Release Date:**  
03/28/2023