



MEDIA RELEASE

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Appleton Firefighter Mitch Lundgaard

APPLETON, WI (May 16, 2019): Today has been a difficult day. There will be many more difficult days to come, not just for our department, but for our community as well.

Today we mourn the loss of one of our own, Firefighter Mitch Lundgaard.

Yesterday, at approximately 5:30pm, Appleton Police and Fire Personnel, along with Gold Cross ambulance, responded to the 100 block of E. Washington St. to assist a 47-year-old male who was arriving on a bus from out of the area. The initial report stated the male was having a medical emergency. The first responders provided initial medical assistance to the male on the bus. The male eventually left the bus and started walking towards the library. While attending to the male, believed to be from the Wausau area, the incident escalated into shots being fired.

Firefighter Lundgaard was struck by gunfire along with a female bystander, and an Appleton Police Officer. The police officer was released from the hospital earlier today. The female is in stable condition. The 47-year-old male was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries.

The investigation is being led by the Green Bay Police Department, with the assistance of several other state and local agencies. More information will be released on these individuals when it is available and appropriate.

A donation page has been set up to support the family of Firefighter Lundgaard. Details on how to donate will be released soon.

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All media requests should go through Officer Meghan Cash at the Appleton Police Department. 920-832-5500