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Fwd: Press Release

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Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:29 AM

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From: Kebin Haller <kebin.haller@wyo.gov>

Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 9:55 AM

Subject: Re: Press Release

To:

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Thank you all! [REDACTED] I would like to hold on off on interviews for our six Troopers that were deployed and give them all a chance to decompress and settle back in to some sort of normalancy. In the meantime, I am happy to field these types of questions, with your assistance of course. I would like for our six Troops and several of us to get together to "debrief" so to speak. I would also like you present for this meeting as well please.

Also, please also include in the release that regardless of assignment our Troopers react as professionals, protecting all people and property, including the protection of civil liberties for all.

Thanks, Kebin.

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 9:42 AM, David Wagener <david.wagener@wyo.gov> wrote:

Thanks [REDACTED] I have already had requests to interview one of the six that were deployed. Once we send this release, would you be willing to field those interview requests? I am guessing they would all be over the phone. No pressure, just checking because I know those requests will come once we send this out.

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 9:36 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Capt. Dickerson,

Two corrections, first we were not assigned to an arrest team but clearly understood that if an arrest was warranted we would act accordingly. [REDACTED] did assist in one arrest when he and another trooper from ND were were on watercraft patrol and forced a boat to the bank at which point the subject in the watercraft was taken into custody. Secondly, we were attached to NE troop squads as well. Lastly, we did assist at checkpoints on ND-1806. Again, I would hope everyone would understand the amount of restraint LE practiced during any and all deployment activities considering officers being present from nearly every ND agency as well as state patrols from the listed state agencies and then coming together as one, as this will forever be imprinted in my mind.

Thanks

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 8:50 AM, Kebin Haller <kebin.haller@wyo.gov> wrote:
Yes, at this time we are not considering deploying WHP Troopers in the future.

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 8:40 AM, David Wagener <david.wagener@wyo.gov> wrote:
I know one of the first questions I will get is if we are planning to send more groups to help or not. Do we have an answer for that at this time?

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 8:35 AM, David Wagener <david.wagener@wyo.gov> wrote:
Thank you. That definitely helps.

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 8:31 AM, Shawn Dickerson <shawn.dickerson@wyo.gov> wrote:
Good morning, [REDACTED],

Here is a bit of information for you, as well as another article that may have some good quotes. Please don't hesitate to call me, or [REDACTED], if you would like more specifics. I copied [REDACTED] so he can correct me if I misspoke on anything.

<http://www.thv11.com/mb/news/local-sheriff-shares-testimony-from-north-dakota-experience/346183392>

Our troopers displayed excellent self control and professionalism and were not involved in any uses of force (beyond normal crowd control movements). This was accomplished in spite of being on the front lines during some intense moments when suspects were throwing rocks, sticks, wood, and anything else they could at the officers; including starting fires, trying to stampede bison, and one suspect who started shooting as she was being arrested. Two of our troopers did receive minor injuries from thrown objects.

At different times they were attached to teams from SD, ND, and Ohio, and functioned as arrest teams, less lethal munitions teams, roving patrols, and general crowd control duties.

Our Colonel received great praise from the IC, and according to [REDACTED] all the guys did a phenomenal job - receiving positive comments from every agency they worked with. [REDACTED] also said the entire operation was professionally led and functioned well - especially when considering the diversity of the responding officers/agencies. [REDACTED] was impressed with the professionalism and restraint of every officer he observed and said he was proud of LE and particularly the WHP troopers he went with.

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On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 5:52 PM, Kebin Haller <kebin.haller@wyo.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

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On Nov 8, 2016 5:50 PM, "David Wagener" <david.wagener@wyo.gov> wrote:

Okay. I will get to it tomorrow.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, Kebin Haller <kebin.haller@wyo.gov> wrote:

Thanks and not necessarily tonight, but sometime tomorrow would be better than waiting until Thursday if you can.

On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 5:01 PM, David Wagener <david.wagener@wyo.gov> wrote:

I am glad they are home and I will get a release out on this. Thanks for the update. As I am sure this will generate a lot of follow up questions and interview requests, is this something you wanted done tonight or would Thursday be okay when I am back in Cheyenne from Pinedale?

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, Kebin Haller <kebin.haller@wyo.gov> wrote:

Dave, I understand that you are on the road some this week. Our six Troopers arrived back safely today after having assisted North Dakota law enforcement for the past 16 days. It is good to have our guys back safe and sound. As a result, I would like to send out a press release advising such. Would you please assist with this endeavor? Also, for specifics and details, Captains Dickerson and Green can help. Thanks, Kebin.

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Attached is a draft release for your review. I have quotes in it from Col. Haller and Captain Dickerson so please make sure you two are good with them.

I will ship it as soon as Col. Haller gives it the thumbs up.

Thank you.

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