

## Kettering police shooting: 911 dispatchers praised - Dayton Daily News (OH) - May 7, 2018

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UPDATE @2:03 p.m.: Lt. Michael Gabrielson of the Kettering Police Department said two 911 dispatchers should be saluted for good work as they handled two frantic calls under pressure in an officer involved shooting incident Saturday night.

"Alberta Feil was the first dispatcher and Whitney Selby the second. They both started with KPD on April 4, 2016," Gabrielson said.

EARLIER: A Kettering 911 dispatcher is being praised for her performance under pressure during an officer-involved shooting incident Saturday night.

Lt. Michael Gabrielson of the Kettering Police Department told this news outlet Monday that the dispatcher's performance "was an example of how things are supposed to work."

The dispatcher handled frantic calls from a woman living in the Chatham Village Apartments who was relaying information that seemingly pointed out that a neighbor's life was in danger.

"There was a woman screaming very loudly. She was screaming 'Help me! Help me!' I can hear her, and she kept screaming, 'Get off, get off. I can't breathe. You broke my nose. My nose is bleeding and I can't breathe,'" the neighbor reported in her 911 call she made at 11:10 p.m.

"You did the right thing by calling. You probably saved her life," a Kettering police dispatcher told a 911 caller who reported domestic violence from the apartment above her.

Police said **Mitchell Simmons**, 24, shot at the officer who had arrived on the scene at 5114 Scarsdale Drive and who forced entry into the apartment after hearing the woman's cries for help. Simmons was killed when the officer returned fire, police said.

Saturday's performance by the Kettering 911 dispatcher is how the system should work, according to police.

"That is exactly the way it is supposed to work when it comes down to how the dispatcher handled things and the 911 caller providing information," Gabrielson said. "Specifically in survival situations, that is the way it should be handled. Of course, everything worked well independent of the result, which was very unfortunate."

He added that the investigation is ongoing, so details of the firearm used by Simmons and the identify of the victim aren't being released yet, and some details won't be released for months, he

said, as the case will get prepared to hand over to the prosecutor and eventually a grand jury.

"We do know the female victim did receive treatment at a local hospital, but she wasn't transported by a medic," Gabrielson said. "There were no injuries to the officers who responded to the scene."

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