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**Statement from the
Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department**

June 27, 2026

During the early morning hours of June 27, 2026, law enforcement officers from the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Police responded to a critical incident in the area of East Main Street and Market Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls. During that incident, law enforcement personnel discharged their firearms. Tragically, a 17-year-old male lost his life during the encounter.

On behalf of the members of the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department, I extend my sincere condolences to the family and friends of this young man. Our thoughts are also with the responding officers, their families, and all those whose lives have been affected by this tragic incident.

There is no ongoing threat to the public.

Pursuant to New York State law and established protocol, the incident is being investigated by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office under the oversight of the New York State Attorney General's Office. The Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department is cooperating fully with that investigation.

Because this remains an active investigation, it would be inappropriate for this department to comment further on the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident. Additional information will be released by the appropriate investigative agency when it can be done without compromising the integrity of the investigation.

We recognize that this incident has had a profound impact on our community. The Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department remains committed to serving our residents with professionalism, integrity, and transparency while respecting the investigative process.

Members of the media are respectfully requested to direct all inquiries regarding this investigation to the New York State Attorney General's Office.

Commissioner Dave Fisher
Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department