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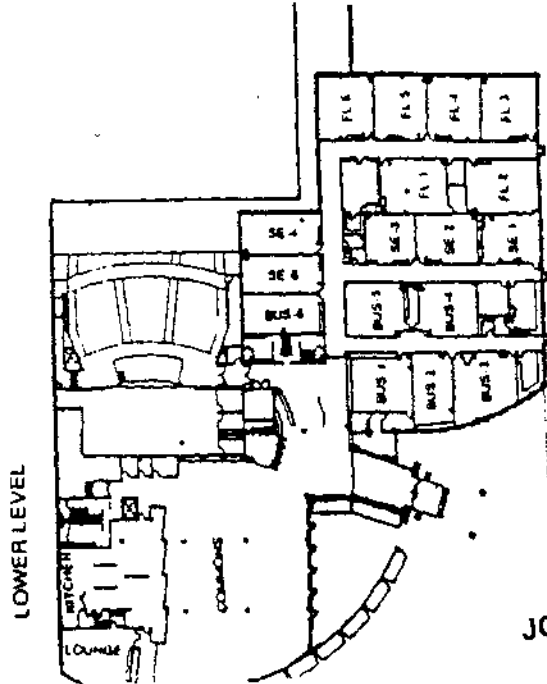
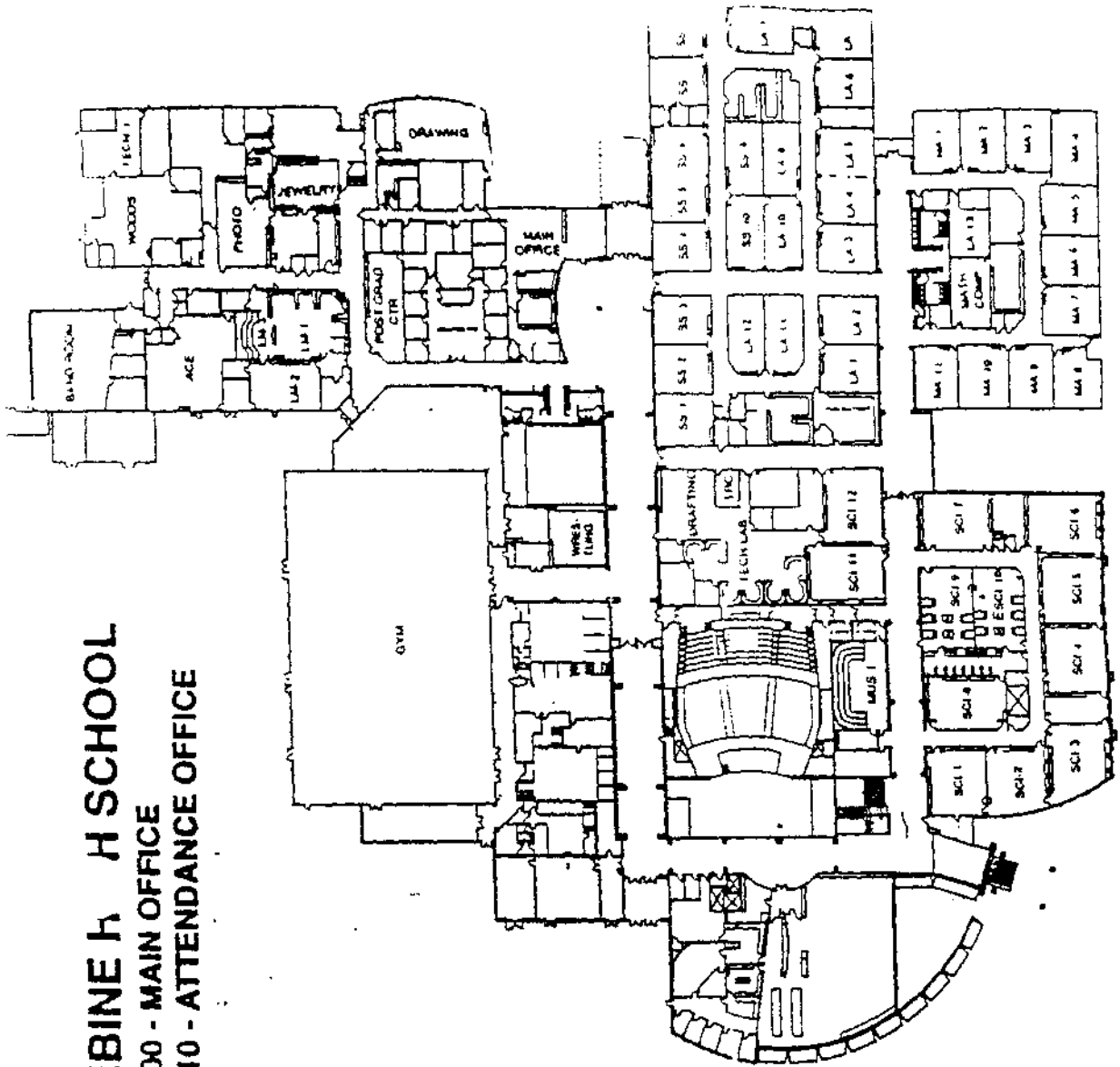
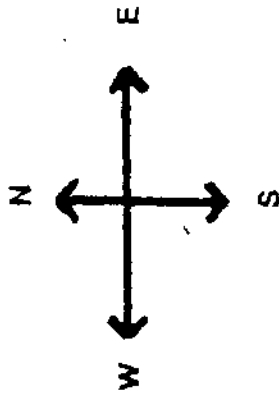
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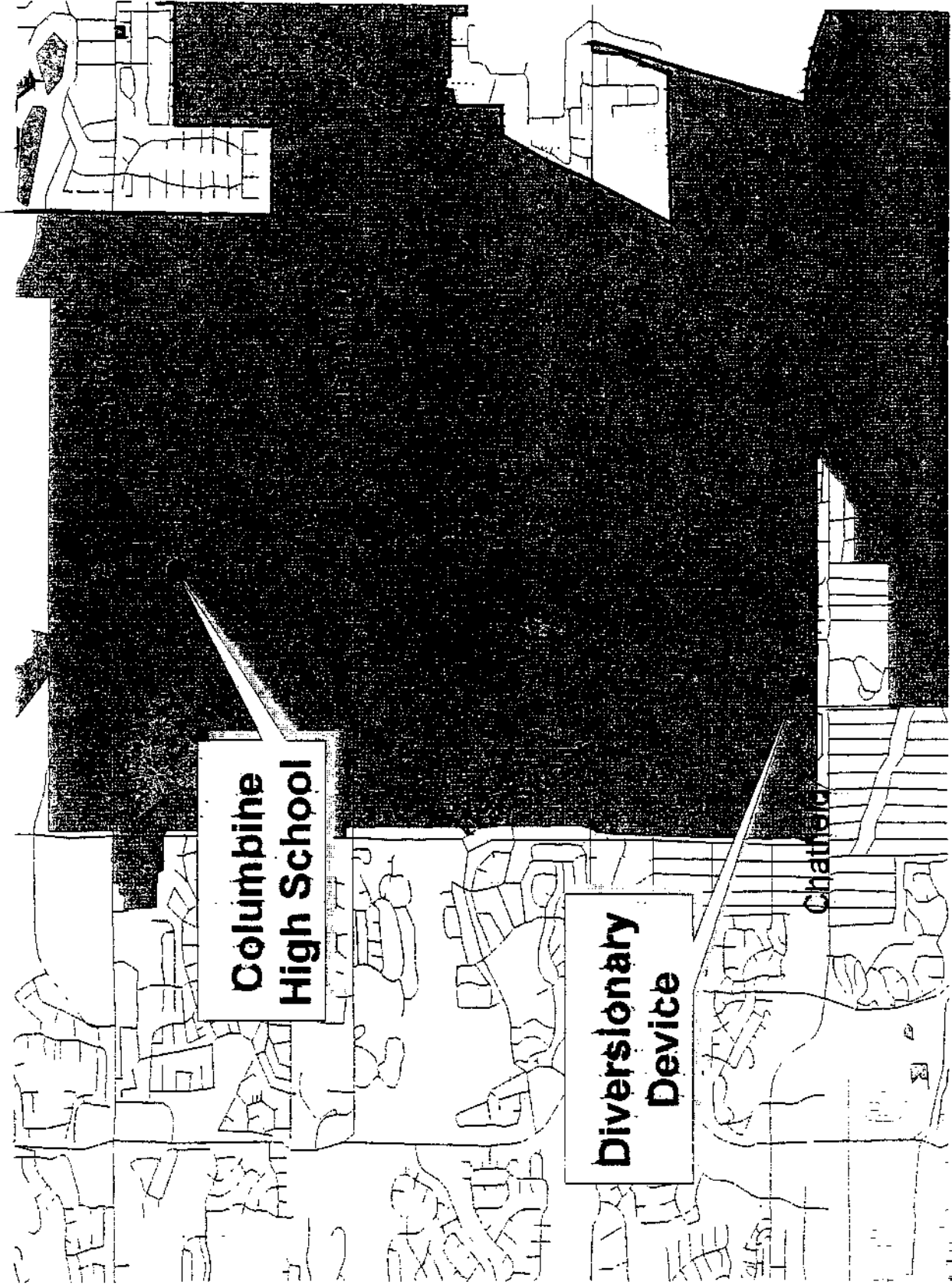
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**COLUMBINE H SCHOOL**  
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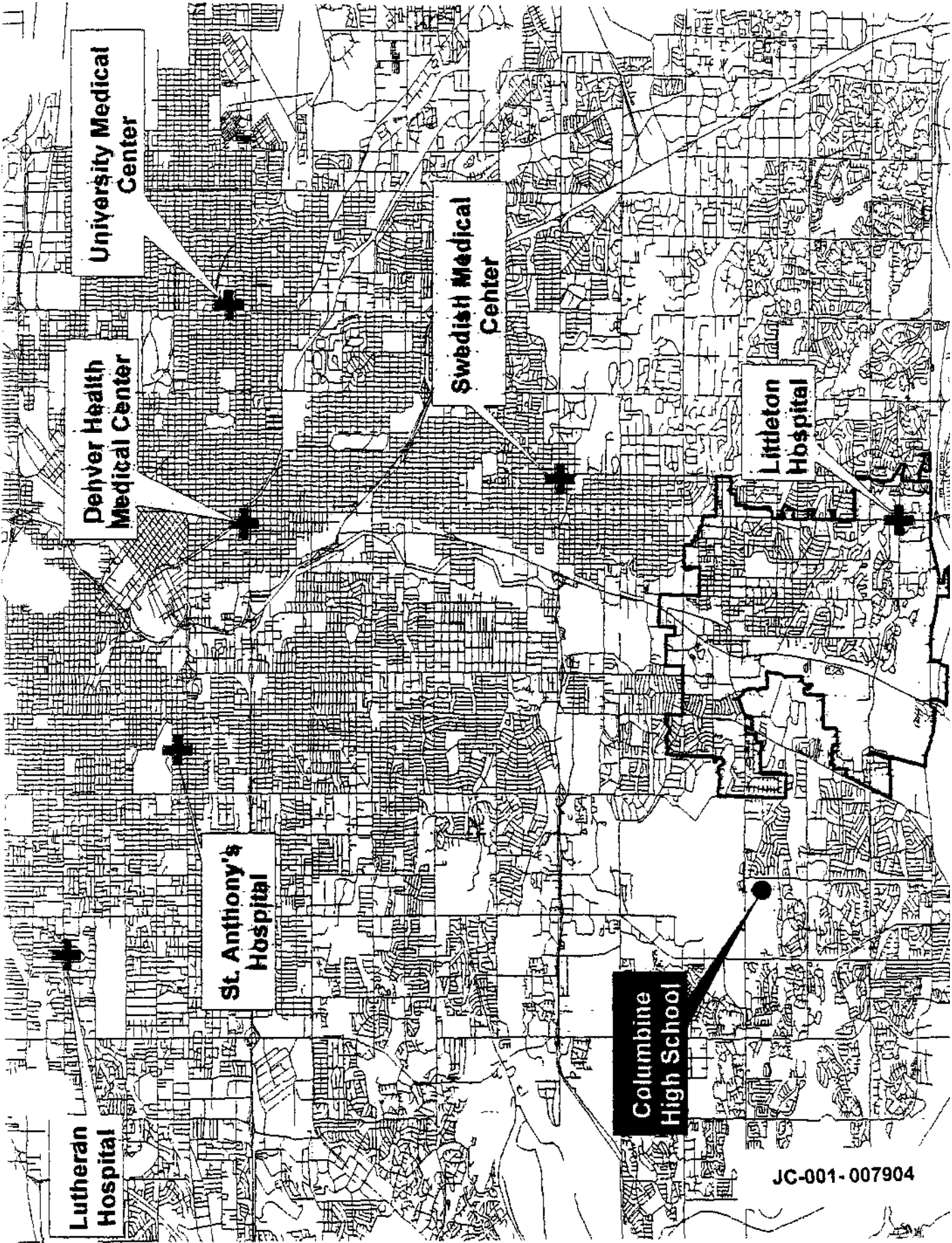
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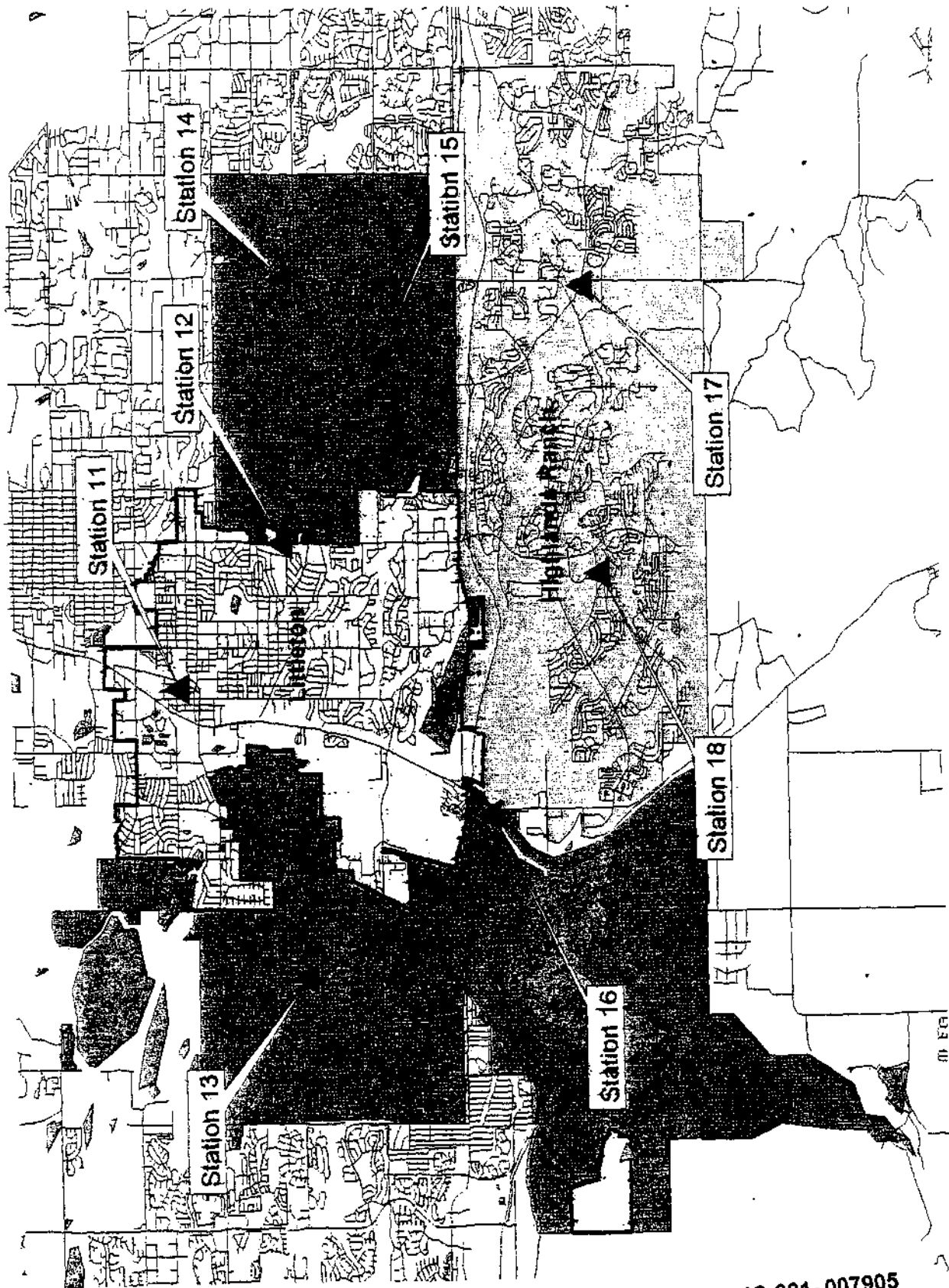
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## COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL - TRANSPORT TIME LINE

TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
41	Littleton R11 transports one patient from Fair and Pierce to a Columbine Ambulance at Jay and Bowles. Stephanie Munson.
11:51	Columbine Ambulance transports one patient with a lower leg wound to Littleton Hospital. Stephanie Munson.
12:02	Littleton R11 transports one patient, with wounds to chest and back, to Swedish Medical Center. Anne Marie Hochhalter.
12:08	Littleton R13 transports one patient, with a back wound, to Swedish Medical Center. Sean Graves.
12:17	Denver Health Ambulance transports one patient with wounds to the face to Denver Health. Lance Kirkland.
12:21	Littleton R18 transports one patient with chest, arm and leg wounds to University Hospital. Mark Taylor.
12:22	AMR 132 transports one patient to St. Anthony Central. Mike Johnson.
12:23	West Metro Ambulance 12 transports one pt with a R clavicle wound to St. Anthony Central. Kasey Ruegsegger.
12:23	Columbine Ambulance transports one patient with shoulder and leg wounds to Denver Health Medical. Jeanna Park.
12:27	AMR 140 transports one patient to Swedish Medical Center. Valerie Schnurr
12:30	Sheridan Fire transports one patient with anxiety complaints to Littleton Hospital. Joyce Jankowski.
12:36	West Metro Ambulance 13 transports one patient with a knee wound to Littleton Hospital. Dan Steepleton.
12:40	Columbine Ambulance transports one patient with leg wounds to Littleton Hospital. Makai Hall.
46	Pridemark Ambulance transports one patient with multiple wounds to Lutheran Medical Center. Nicole Nowlen.
12:53	AMR 261 transports two patients to Littleton Hospital. Austin Eubanks and Jennifer Doyle.
12:59	AMR 204 transports one patient to Littleton Hospital. Nick Foss
13:00	West Metro Ambulance 4 transports one patient with multiple wounds to the arm, abdomen, and chest, to Swedish Medical Center. Richard Castaldo.
13:05	Air Life transports one patient from Yukon/Caley, with wounds to the neck and head, to Denver Health. Mark Kintgen.
13:07	West Metro Ambulance 15 transports one patient with a wound to the chest from a plate glass window, to Lutheran. Brian Anderson.
13:36	Air Life transports one patient from Littleton Hospital to St. Anthony Central. Makai Hall
14:15	AMR 221 transports one patient to Littleton Hospital. Robert Warnier
14:20	Sheridan Fire transports one patient with abdominal pain to Littleton Hospital. Adam Kyler
14:35	Littleton R11 transports one patient with head and ankle wounds to St. Anthony Central. Patrick Ireland.
15:33	West Metro Ambulance 15 transports one patient with multi wounds to the shoulder, leg and chest, to Denver Health. Lisa Kreuz.
15:36	Pridemark Ambulance transports one patient with a shoulder wound to Littleton Hospital. Patricia Neilson.
77	Columbine Ambulance transports a SWAT member with dehydration, to Swedish Medical Center. Dennis Beery

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## Columbine Students Triaged

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	D.O.B
1	Adams	Angela	12/19/82
2	Anderson	Robyn	11/4/80
3	Andrews	Paul	8/10/82
4	Anema	Nathan	10/3/83
5	Baer	Jason	5/2/82
6	Ballard	Jonathan	4/14/83
7	Barnes	Greg	10/26/82
8	Barrett	Elyse	6/14/82
9	Batchelder	David	4/5/82
10	Behan	Janelle	9/11/81
11	Bernacchi	Tina	1/28/81
12	Bernard	Alysa	12/6/82
13	Berryman	Michelle	10/6/82
14	Bollerud	Brad	7/9/82
15	Breed	Andrew	3/3/82
16	Brock	Allison	4/1/81
17	Broman	Kirsten	9/14/83
18	Campbell	Mary	5/12/84
19	Cecil	Carey	9/23/81
20	Clary	Patrick	6/19/82
21	Clouse	Jody	10/15/82
22	Colton	Kim	9/22/81
23	Corkery	Sean	1/16/83
24	Cornwell	Matt	3/14/81
25	Cozart	Justin	6/11/83
26	Grandall	Lindsay	11/24/80
27	Curry	Kendra	7/1/80
28	Davis	Ashley	7/12/83
29	DeHoff	Erin	9/30/82
30	Depew	Matthew	11/23/82
31	Dettoff	Erin	9/30/82
32	Dice	Jenny	10/28/82
33	Dismang	Anna	1/24/83
34	Dodd	Peggy	2/4/43
35	Dodril	Sarah	1/17/83
36	Dooley	Keni	9/27/82
37	DuBois	Monica	3/21/81
38	Eberly	Shannon	7/13/83
39	Egeland	Heather	4/22/81
40	Encinias	Elisha	2/23/83
41	Epling	Nathan	10/9/83
42	Forgan	Lisa	4/26/82
43	Friesen	Kent	7/3/50
44	Frommer	Kathryn	9/29/61
45	Gallejos	ian	8/30/83
46	Glassett	Bret	12/29/82
47	Golden	Tammy	3/28/83
48	Grande	Bryan	7/1/84

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19	Green	Carrie	9/9/81
J	Green	Laura	9/5/84
51	Guevara	Paul	5/7/81
52	Gummere	Kyle	11/8/82
53	Hancey	Aaron	8/6/81
54	Hanifen	Bill	3/2/83
55	Heiv	Kami	1/5/83
56	Henderson	Peter	10/12/82
57	Herival	Courtney	5/6/83
58	Hoff	Michele	9/29/82
59	Kellogg	Megan	5/23/83
60	Knowles	Tami	11/3/82
61	Kritzer	Eric	10/6/80
62	Larson	Kevin	7/31/81
63	Lavelly	Beth	2/8/83
64	Liane	Sue	6/4/49
65	Lilly	Ryan	9/5/83
66	Lindholm	Marjorie	9/30/82
67	Lopez	Nichole	2/22/83
68	Madden	Liza	5/3/82
69	Marcotte	Joey	1/18/84
70	Massie III	Robert	9/9/84
71	McClagherty	Evan	11/12/82
72	McKenna	Ashley	5/28/83
73	Mears	Austin	9/21/82
74	Meason	Travis	5/27/83
J	Mullen	Beth	12/10/82
76	Nederman	Marlene	11/14/55
77	Nielson	Patricia	12/6/83
78	Olsen	Christian	7/21/83
79	Ortega	Amy	8/24/81
80	Patrick	Katie	4/2/83
81	Phipps	Scott	6/15/83
82	Pillow	Melissa	10/14/83
83	Prommersberger	Ellen	10/29/82
84	Redmerski	Chris	11/2/55
85	Rissmiller	Duston	4/17/83
86	Romanyshyn	Nicholas	9/10/81
87	Rosetta	Amber	10/24/83
88	Rotole	Mike	9/18/82
89	Ruech	Jessica	2/12/83
90	Ryan	Sean	9/23/82
91	Saggan	Will	7/25/83
92	Schneider	Libby	5/8/43
93	Schumann	Nick	9/17/79
94	Schuster	Monica	12/7/81
95	Sheely	Hannah	4/27/83
96	Smith	Ben	11/23/80
97	Smith	Aaron	2/17/81
98	Smith	David	9/13/83
1	Smull	Jennifer	7/11/83
J0	Swanson	Lindsay	9/23/82

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101	Sykora	Shannon	7/20/82
102	Taylor	Jenny	1/27/83
103	Teitsworth	Katie	8/8/82
104	Terry	Amy	2/14/83
105	Tibljac	Linda	4/30/49
106	VanDamme	Linda	8/29/80
107	Vaughan	Steve	9/14/80
108	Vest	Kami	12/3/80
109	Walton	Erin	8/6/83
110	Weeden	Brittany	5/28/84
111	Weld	Carole	10/7/38
112	Williams	Beverly	3/20/46
113	Williamson	Jeff	6/23/83
114	Wood	Sarah	1/13/83
115	Wyatt	Cadrice	2/29/56
116	Yielson	Patty	12/6/63



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A11	Johnson Division
A12	Administration Traffic

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**Radio Designations**

Fire Command – Incident Commander  
Fire Ops – Operations  
Logistics – Logistics  
Staging – Staging

**Cross Division**

Cross Division  
Cross Engine 3  
Cross Squirt 6  
Cross Rescue 3  
Cross Rescue 8  
Cart 1-4  
Bike 1-3

**Clement Division**

Clement Division  
Clement Engine 8  
Clement Engine 5  
Clement Rescue 1  
Cart 5-8  
Bike 4-6

**Johnson Division**

Johnson Division  
Johnson Engine 1  
Bike 7-8  
Cart 9-11  
Johnson Rescue 5

**Staging@ Raccoon Creek Command Post**  
Staging Engine 4

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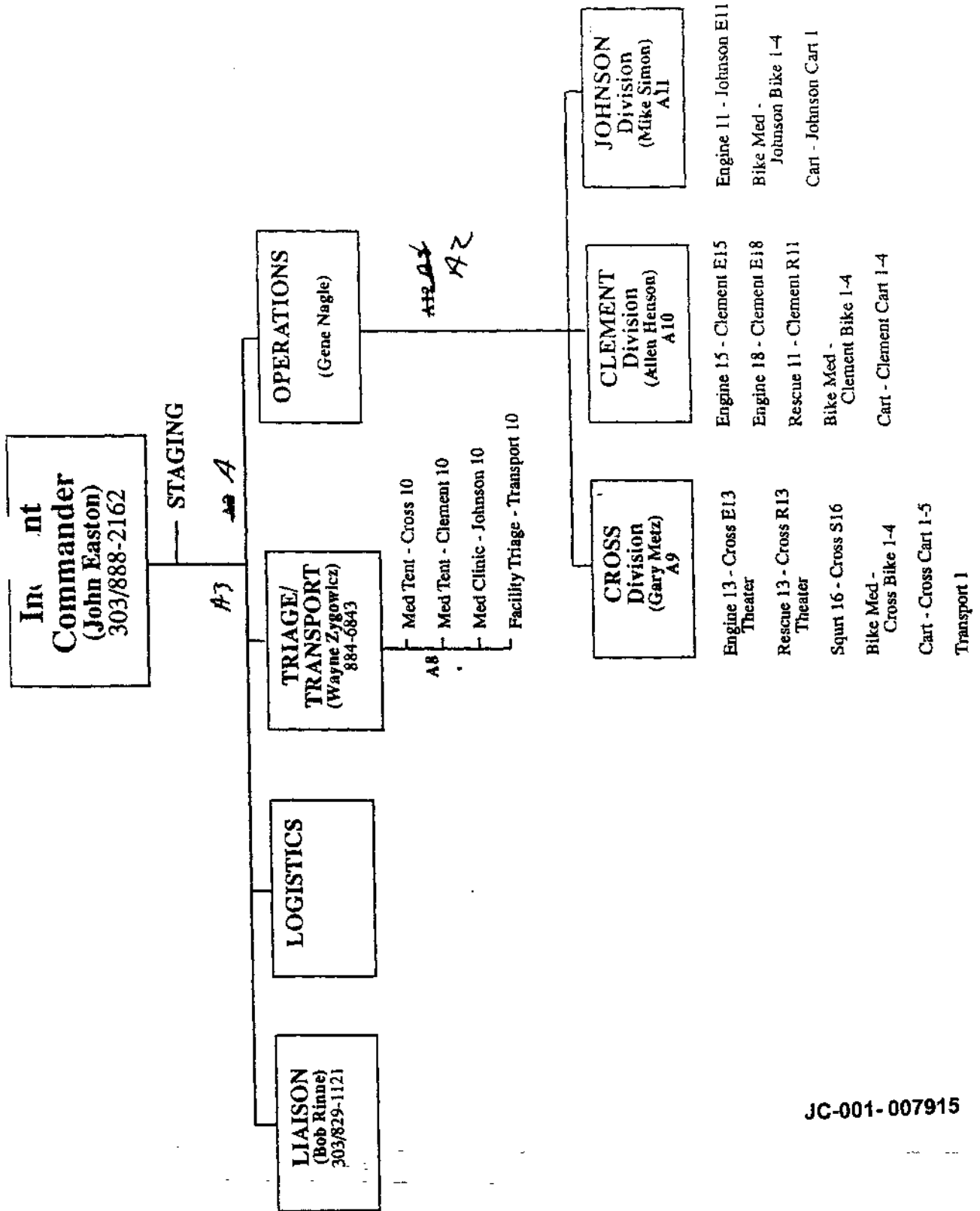
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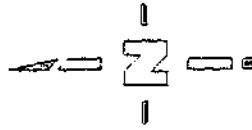
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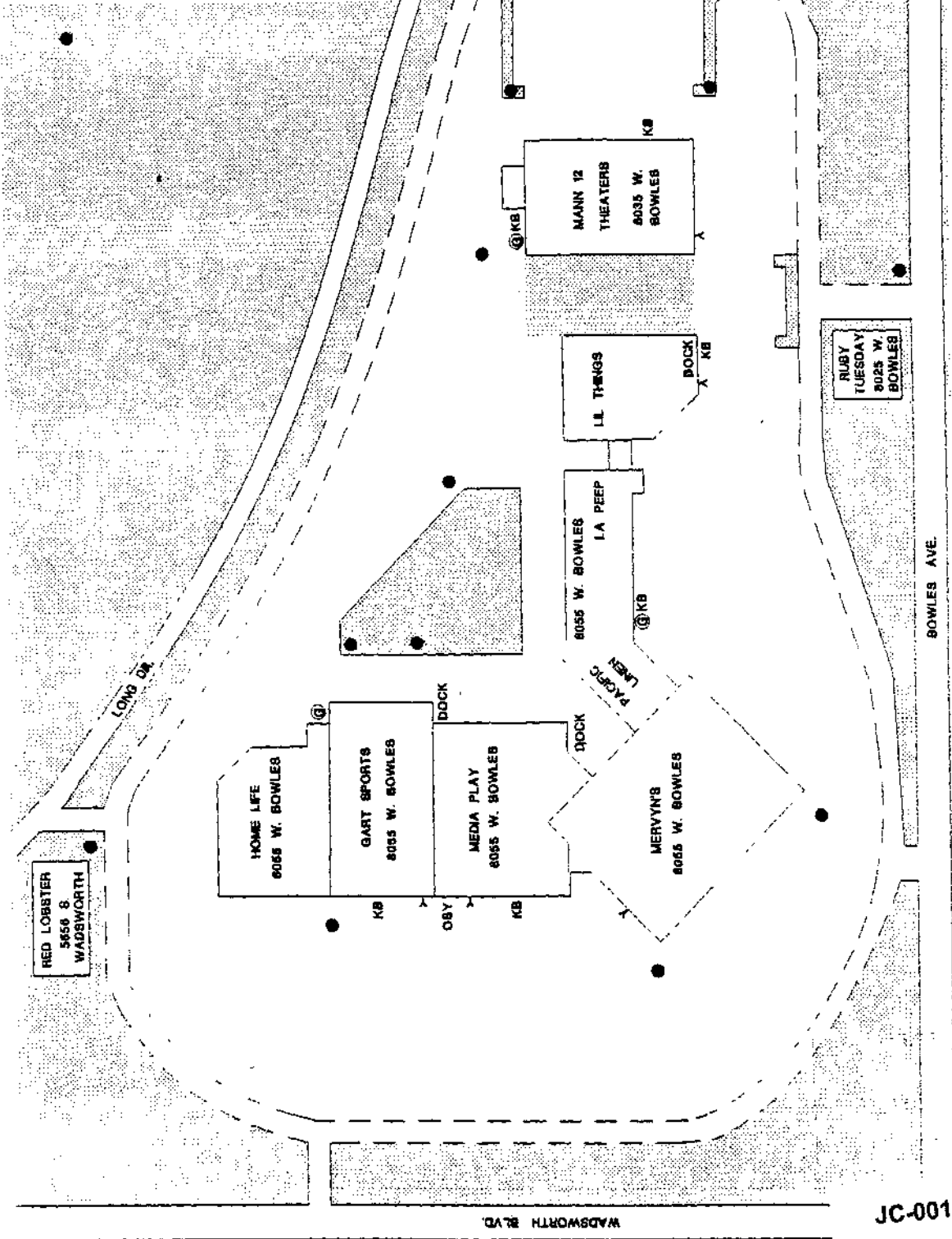


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BOWLES CROSSING



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

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## ACTION PLAN COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL CEREMONY

### DISTRICT STAFFING

Station 11 – Englewood Fire	Engine & Rescue
Station 12 – Englewood Fire	Engine
Station 13 – West Metro Fire	Engine & Rescue
Station 14 – Closed	
Station 15 – South Metro Fire	Engine & Rescue
Station 16 – Closed	
Station 17 – South Metro Fire	Engine & Rescue
Station 18 – Louviers	ALS Engine

Operational period 0730 – 2000 hours, Sunday April 25, 1999.

Shift Change occurs 0730, backfill companies to assume response areas at 0730.

Personnel callback to occur Saturday for positions on Sunday. 44 personnel called back to staff apparatus, EMS tents and Bike Medics.

Apparatus to move to site @ 0800.

Cross Division	Johnson Division	Clement Division
Engine 13	Engine 11	Engine 15
Squrt 16	4 Bike Medics	Engine 18
Rescue 13	1 Cart	Rescue 11
4 Bike Medics	Rescue 15	4 Bike Medics
5 Carts		4 Carts
1 Transport Cart		
Rescue 18		

Staging Bowles @ Raccoon Creek Command Post

Engine 14

OOS

Squrt 12

Engine 17

Raccoon Creek Command Post

ARP Command Mobile Post Hammer 11

### Division Geographics

**Cross** – Venue site (Long/Bowles west to Wadsworth: Bowles north to Long)

**Clement** – Long extended south thru park. Long/Bowles east to Pierce: Bowles South to Weaver.

**Johnson** – Long extended south thru park, Long/Bowles west to Wadsworth: Bowles south to South end of lake.

### Raccoon Creek Command Post

- Incident Commander – Battalion Chief John Easton
- Operations – Captain Gene Nagle
- Logistics – Operations Chief Bob Rinne
- EMS – Division Chief Wayne Zygowicz
- Communications – Doug Terry, Kasey Feagin

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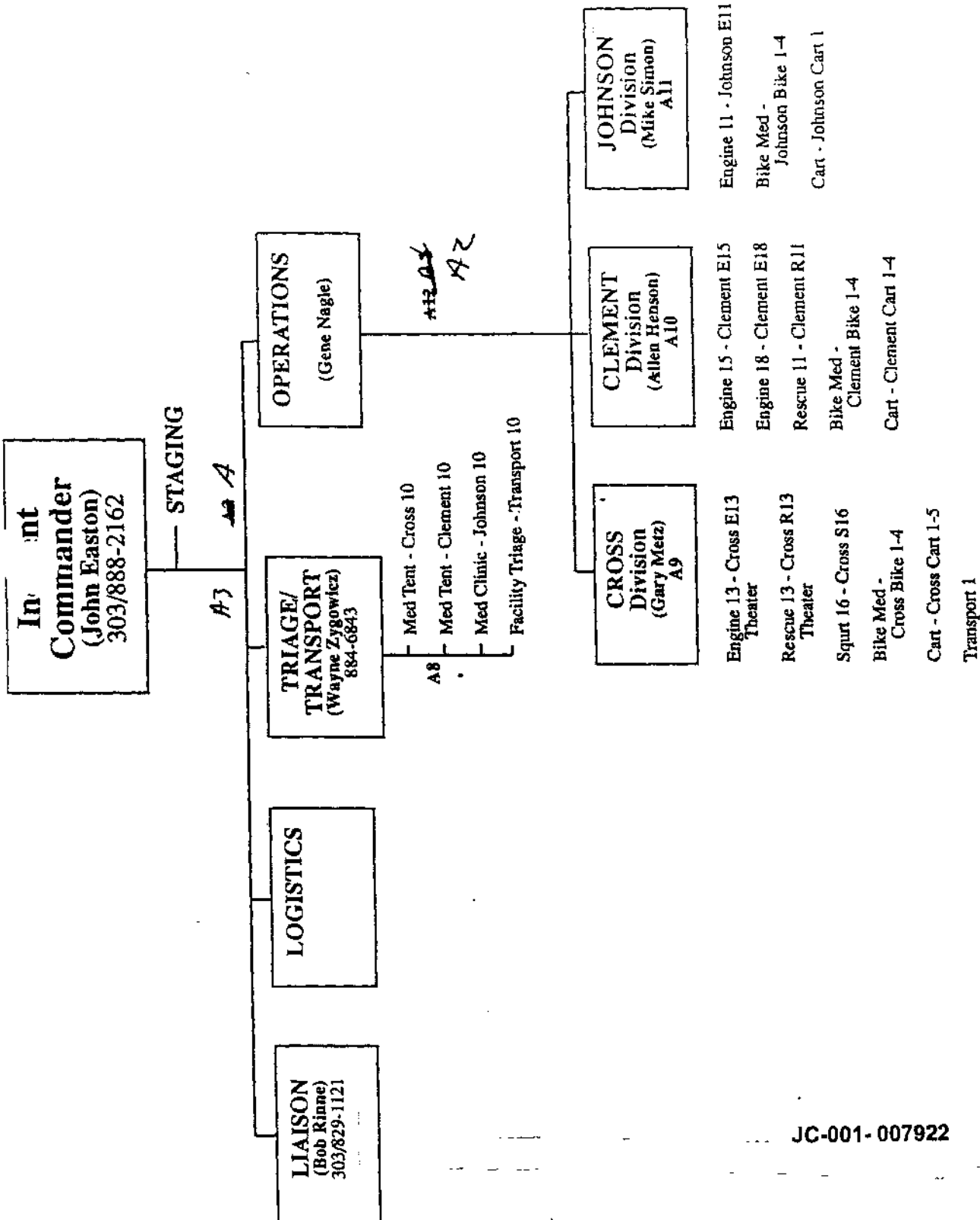
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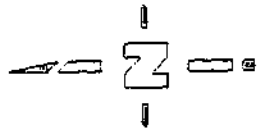
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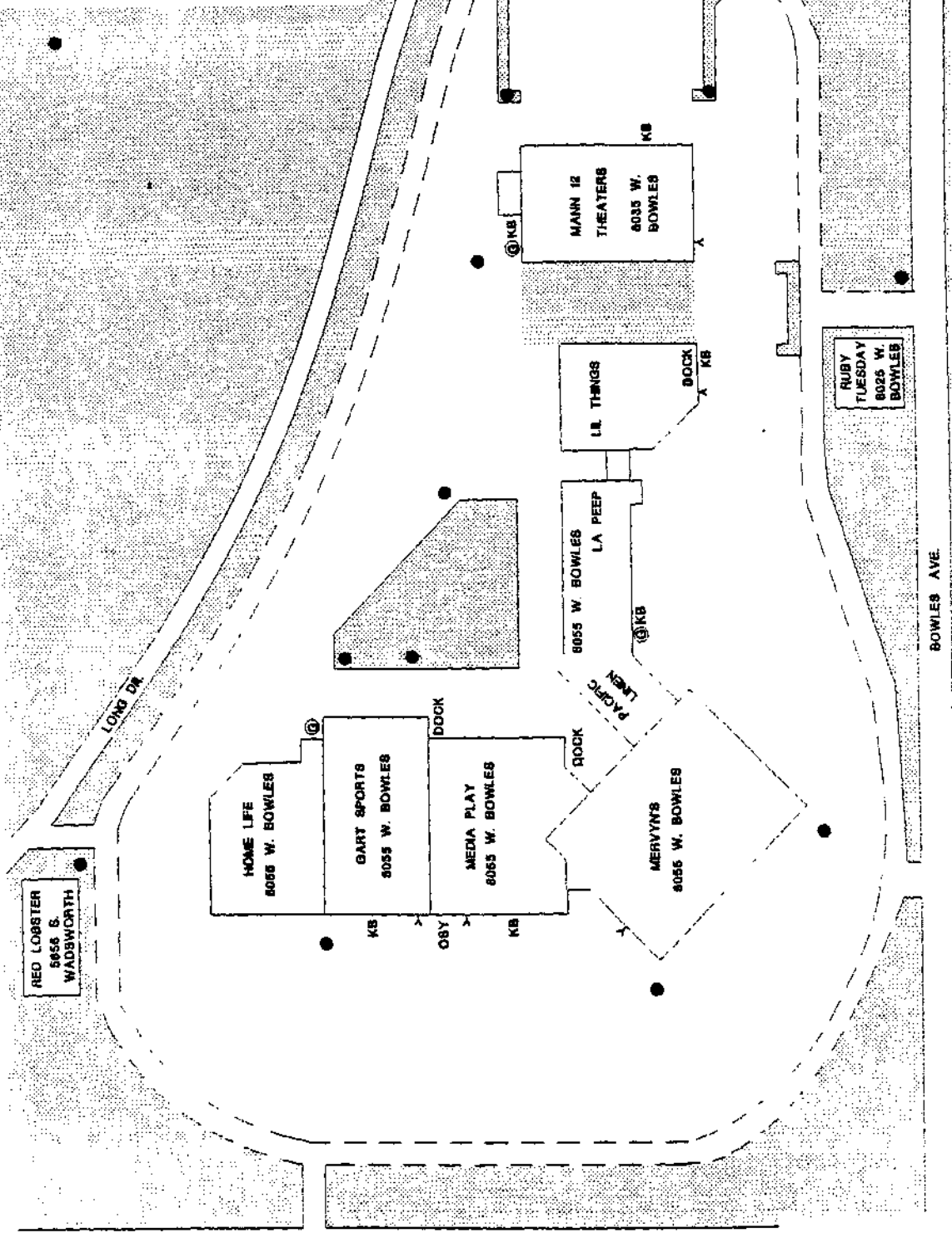


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WADSWORTH BLVD

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REPORTS

JC-001-007924



**COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENT, APRIL 20, 1999**  
*by Jim Hofstra*

- 11:30 am Responded to Coal Mine / Pierce - proceeded around law enforcement barricade to Pierce & Weaver where E13 was staged. Helped E13 with crowd (parent) control.
- 12:00 - 12:30: Proceeded to Yukon / Caley to medical triage area. Assisted briefly with 02 and bandages until no more patients were arriving.
- 1:00 - 1:30: Proceeded to operations command post, assisted with ambulance staging, assigned as runner between main command post and Chief Rahne.
- 3:45: Assigned to take Public Service employee to school to shut off gas to building. We went to Fair / Pierce and told to wait longer.
- 4:00: Accompanied by S.W.A.T. personnel, I went with Captain Bruggenthies and Captain Rybolt to turn off fire alarm system and sprinkler system. Went to main office, turned off alarm system, then went to main riser just down the admin hall to the main riser and shut off main water supply. Accompanied Bruggenthies, Drummond, Naas to school Library.

# Memo

**To:** Eugene N. Nagle  
**From:** Jay Ruoff  
**Date:** 05/04/99  
**Re:** Columbine Report

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Gene,

I was advised of the incident at Columbine via a page. I responded from the tower. Upon arrival, I met with Chief Pessemer and BC Rahne for an assignment. At that time, I was assigned as the safety officer. Included in the duties was to land the MedEvac choppers. I landed the AirLife chopper first and then Flight for Life. These choppers were landed in the soccer field due north of the Command Post. Most of my time was then spent keeping people out of the path of ambulances coming and going to the scene, and relaying messages about bombs to the Command Post. At the report of gas in the school, I was put in command of the fire task force, to include engines from LFD (1), WMFD (1) and a Truck (1) from DFD. An action plan was put together, to include access routes, hydrants and a safety plan. I remained there at the CP.

While landing the Air Life Chopper, I noticed some P.D. activity to the south. A golf cart with three students drove up and topped in the cover of a police jeep. It appeared that there were injured students, so I went to the jeep. The injured female had what appeared to be @ 10 - 12 gunshots to the left chest and gunshots to both arms. I made sure that the female's vital signs were ok, talked with her for a moment, assured her we would get her out of there and attempted to get transportation. Command was notified that an ambulance was needed on the field. AMR arrived, then transported pt to a hospital (not sure of the destination).

At @ <sup>7:00</sup> 1600, I took operations control of the fire attack teams assigned to the bomb squad at the west entrance to CHS. This included 2 engines and 1 rescue. Assigned were Capt. J. Olsen, Eng. C. Martinez, FF R. Knutsen, FF M. Fleming, and FF J. Aylward. We deployed 2 ¾" line that were wyeed from a 2 ½" line from the engine. The IAP was to follow the bomb techs into the building after the areas were cleared of devices with a 3 person team, backed up by a 3 person RIT. The operations were coordinated with the bomb squad assigned to the west entrance; Rick Young kept us informed throughout the night. At @ 1800, crews were replaced with callback personnel, including Capt. R. Seno, Eng. J. Tasker, FF T. Roberts, Lt. E. Adams, FF. R Caudill, Eng. B. Taylor, Eng. K. Keough, and FF D. Miller. We stood by in the area until @ 0130 at which time all hose put in service and returned into the district in service.

TO: Gene Nagle, Captain  
FROM: Jeff Christ, Battalion Chief  
Date: May 1, 1999  
SUBJECT: Columbine Incident Statement

On April 20, 1999 I was called by fire administration to report to the communications center to begin the "call-back" to staff the crews that were being relieved of duty for the remainder of the shift. After arriving at communications at approximately 16:15, I met with Doug Terry and several other dispatchers as to the scene status, and what I was to do. After coordinating the call-backs, inter-facing with most other fire agencies, and securing omni-bus to utilize for transporting our people, I made contact with command, and Chief Burdick.

After seeing that all personnel were being transported to their assignments I reported to the scene and inter-faced with BC Easton, and Capt. Wilson. Once we had our communications straight I acted as an aid for BC Easton. I was also available for any BC calls that may have come in during that time period. It was approximately 1800 at this time.

My on scene activities included communications with different units we had at the incident, face to face with several crews during the incident, rotating crews in and out of the scene. Also checking in with crews that were positioned behind the school by the cafeteria. I left the scene approximately 01:00 a.m.

On Monday April 22, 1999 I spent half of the day with E-11 as a special detail to the school to help out the Forensic team remove bullets from many metal door frames and metal window frames.

Jeff Christ, Battalion Chief

JC-001-007927

TO: PARAMEDIC CAPTAIN GENE NAGLE  
FROM: BATTALION CHIEF JOHN EASTON  
RE: COLUMBINE TRAGEDY  
DATE 4/28/99

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT CONCERNING MY ROLE IN INCIDENT COMMAND AT THE COLUMBINE SHOOTINGS ON 4/20/99.

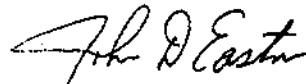
I ARRIVED ON SCENE OF COMMAND LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY LEAWOOD AND PIERCE AT A TIME NEAR 16:00.

FACE TO FACE CONTACT WITH BC RAY RAHNE FOR AN UPDATE OF THE SITUATION AND THEN I WAS ASSIGNED TO FIRE INCIDENT COMMANDER FROM APPROXIMATELY 16:00 UNTIL 23:30 HOURS.

THE MAJORITY OF MY TIME SPENT WAS COORDINATING EFFORTS ONGOING WITH STANDING BY FOR BOMB SQUAD AND SWAT MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.

AS I ARRIVED ON SCENE EFFORTS WERE ALREADY IN PROGRESS TO REPLACE PERSONNEL WHO WERE ON SCENE WITH FRESH MEMBERS. COORDINATION OF THIS EFFORT WAS ONGOING DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE INCIDENT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JOHN D. EASTON

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TO: Captain Gene Nagle

FROM: Shane Druckenmiller - *Shane Druckenmiller*

DATE: April 29, 1999

SUBJECT: Columbine

Statement from Shane Druckenmiller regarding the event that happened at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999.

I was scheduled to do a fire ride with Littleton Station 15. I was riding with Lt. Dave Stern and Firefighter Rondi Lambeth. We were sent to an auto accident at University and Highlands Ranch Parkway. While en route to the call the radiator hose came loose and started to fill the back of the rescue with smoke. Lt. Stern decided to run the call. After the call, Lt. Stern and Capt. Floyd decided to have the rescue driven to Station 17 and to call the BC. Squirt 17 and Rescue 18 ran a call. When the call came to a conclusion, Rescue 18 responded to Station 17 to transport Lt. Stern, Firefighter Lambeth and myself to Station 16 to get a reserve. While on C-470 the call came in of three students shot at Columbine High School. Lt. Stern and Lt. Scheffcik decided to stage at Ken Caryl and Pierce. At this time we were the only Littleton rescue in service. While staged, we were dispatched to an auto accident and Littleton Boulevard and Broadway. Squirt 12 also was en route. Squirt 12 arrived on scene and canceled Rescue 18. After Squirt 12 canceled, us we were called to staging and Bowles and Pierce. We turned the corner off of Bowles onto Pierce and all I could see through the back window of the rescue was an endless line of flashing lights on an assortment of emergency vehicles. There were numerous high school kids running in all directions. I saw a couple of officers getting their kevlar SWAT gear on. The Chief sent us to Caley and Yukon on the report of a couple of injured kids. We responded to the location which seemed to take about 2 minutes. Upon turning the corner, I looked out of the window and saw one police unit in the middle of the street and 10-15 kids laying or standing around injured. I remember an older looking kid leaning up against the police car with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the upper thigh. This kid had a tourniquet on his leg attempting to stop the bleeding. Before I stepped out of the rescue I pulled the CPR Kit, Drug Kit, and triage kit. Once I stepped out of the side door and walked around the rescue, there were multiple kids laying on the driveway and a nurse running around with a stethoscope around her neck. I walked over to

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the group of kids laying in the grass. Firefighter Brandon and Firefighter Lambeth each attended to a patient. I walked over to a patient that was laying down and that seemed to be unconscious. The nurse stated that the patient was pulseless and had no blood pressure. I assisted Firefighter Lambeth by setting up a bag of saline with a blood pump. Firefighter Lambeth was successful in obtaining a secure IV line. I then started assisting Firefighter Brandon with a male patient laying next to the patient that I helped Firefighter Lambeth with. The patient appeared to have a couple of gunshot wounds to the chest. I went to the rescue and grabbed the oxygen bottle off of the pram. I then placed the patient on a non-rebreather mask with 15 L oxygen. While I was putting the mask on the patient, Firefighter Brandon went to get a backboard off of the rescue. Then he had a by-stander help place him on the backboard. I then went back to the rescue to help Firefighter Brandon get the pram. We got the pram and then went back to the patient and placed him on the pram and put the patient in the rescue. I jumped in the back with the patient while Firefighter Brandon went to find a driver. While I was in the back of the rescue, I started to check the patients airway and breathing by getting him to talk. I located his radial pulse. By this time Firefighter Brandon found a driver, Firefighter Lambeth, and we went en route to the hospital. At this time Firefighter Brandon started to cut the clothes off of the patient. I grabbed the stethoscope and listened to his breath sounds, which were weak but clear. We also checked the patient's back for more injuries and found none. Firefighter Lambeth told us that we would be going to University Hospital and our ETA was about 20 minutes. The patient was in and out of consciousness. While en route to the hospital, we got the patient's name, Mark Taylor, and that he was 16 years old and he had an older sister. We had to keep raising our voices so that Mark would stay awake. I then grabbed a blood pump and a saline bag and set it up. Firefighter Brandon was attempting to start the first IV line on the patient's right arm. He missed the vein and placed the angiocath in the sharps container. We then started to tape Mark to the board. We tried a couple of times to tape him, but we decided to try to get another IV line started. Firefighter Brandon tried on the left arm this time with no luck. At this time we lifted the backboard and put two blankets under the foot of the backboard. By the time we were at the hospital, Firefighter Brandon had tried 5 times to obtain an IV line with no luck. We then started to place bandages on the external part of the gunshot wounds. There were four wounds. One was in the upper right chest, one in the upper left arm, one in the upper left quadrant of the abdomen and was in the upper right leg. None of the wounds were bleeding excessively. Knowing that we were close to

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the hospital, we covered the patient with a blanket. We pulled in to the hospital and unloaded the patient and wheeled him into the ER to a waiting crew of hospital personnel. We gave the doctor a report. We had no vitals because we had no blood pressure cuff. After we dropped Mark off at the hospital, we cleaned the pram and put a new sheet on it, and then we headed back to the district. While en route to the district, I started to clean the back of the rescue. I placed all of Mark Taylor's clothes in a bio-hazard bag, which later was given to Battalion Chief Christ. We then went to the City Center and picked up Paramedic Lt. Thomas. Lt. Thomas got the key to the medical locker and grabbed a box of saline, blood pumps, and oxygen masks. Then we were toned to Leawood Elementary on chest pain. Once we got on scene we handed the patient over to AMR and we went back in service. We then went to Station 13 and picked up another paramedic, Mike Johnson. While we were at Station 13 we were toned to a call with the bomb squad on Reed Court on a smell of natural gas. We went to the house with Squirt 17 and waited. Squirt 17 set up a five inch line and pulled both cross lays. The fire department got all suited up with masks on and waited while the police searched the house. After about an hour and a half, we were released by the police and we cleaned up the street and loaded hose. We then were called to a medical office on a report of chest pain. We went with Squirt 12 and Columbine Ambulance. The patient was packaged and transferred to the hospital. Then we went to the Command Post and got some food and water. While at the Command Post some members of the Jeffco SWAT called us over to the grass because one of their members had fallen and needed some assistance. We went over and hooked him up to the cardiac monitor, started an IV line, and gave him oxygen. He was transported to Swedish by Columbine Ambulance. After a long day, we were told by the Chief that we were going home and we were to go to Station 11 and pick up the on-coming shift. We then went to Station 13 to be defused.

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Paramedic Captain James Olsen

Columbine High School, 6201 S. Pierce, Incident Statement:

On April 20, 1999, I was the Paramedic Captain on Engine 11. Assigned with me were Charlie Martinez as Engineer and Ryan Knutsen as Firefighter.

At 1128 Engine 11 was dispatched with Rescue 11, Rescue 13, and Battalion 1 to Columbine High School, at 6201 S. Pierce, on a report of multiple gunshot victims. After leaving the station one of the rescues asked dispatch to start two code 2 ambulances. I had dispatch put a medical helicopter on standby. At some point in route we were advised by dispatch of possible explosions on the roof.

R13 and Battalion 1 arrived about 1 minute before us on the south side of the school and staged there. We arrived on the north side with Rescue 11. We were met by dozens of students running north through the park in panic. Rescue 11 then continued to the south to aid while E11 blocked off Pierce Street at Leawood. We set up cones to block all traffic. We attempted to stop the students running by our location. We were able to slow them down, stop and begin to question some. One student informed us that there were two gunmen in black trench coats shooting students in the school. I stopped one student in a school letterman's type jacket and asked him to grab the rest of his team to stop the students and contain them in the north end of the park by us. I asked him to separate out any students who had witnessed the shootings and hold them for Jeffco to interview. I checked a few minutes later and the students were now stopping in the park beside our unit.

At that point, a Jeffco officer arrived from the south and assisted with blocking the road. We informed him of the statement from the student about the two gunmen. At this point I ordered my crew to remove their blue uniform shirts and to go to their gray fire T-shirts. I advised Command that we were going to gray and he agreed and passed on the info to the other on-scene units.

I had my engineer pull our Columbine High School preplan. The preplan was given to the BC when he relocated Command to the north later.

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After a handful of police officers arrived, I was told by command (BC1) to allow the makeshift SWAT team use Engine 11 as a shield to take the team to the school. Engineer Martinez instructed an officer on how to operate the engine. FF Knutsen and I stripped all of the EMS equipment off of the unit and laid it off to the side. Shortly thereafter, the SWAT unit left with E11 to attempt to make entry into the school.

Staff members were beginning to arrive and ask what they could do. I believe that I asked Chief Ruoff to land the medical chopper in the park beside us.

About this point, we were advised over the radio that there were possibly motion sensitive explosives in the building and not to touch any backpack if we went in.

By this point R11 had done one rescue of an injured student and transported the patient to a Columbine Ambulance waiting on Bowles and had returned to assist R13. The 2 rescues combined to rescue 3 injured students from outside of the cafeteria area, while reportedly taking gunfire.

R11 and R13 brought the injured students to the staging/triage area at Pierce and Leawood. R13 opened its' back doors and they yelled for paramedic assistance. I ran to help and lifted one seriously injured student with face, chest, and leg wounds from the rescue onto a Denver General pram. That left Paramedic Gorman alone in the back of R13 with one student victim with multiple gunshot wounds. I handed my portable radio to FF Knutsen and climbed into R13 to help provide treatment in transport to Swedish Medical Center. FF Losasso was the driver. R11 transported the third patient to SMC immediately behind us.

The injured student that we transported in R13, Shawn Graves, age 15, suffered from multiple gunshot wounds. including his lower posterior neck, flanks, abdo, and one near his lumbar spine. He had been placed on the pram in the prone position while shots were being fired. Thus he was unable to have been immobilized for spinal protection. He was awake, alert, oriented, and thinking clearly. His clothes were cut off and it was noticed that he also had rectal bleeding. Because of his position, he could not be rolled onto a board in the rig to be immobilized. 2 IV attempts were made, but were unsuccessful due to his awkward position on the pram. Upon arrival at SMC, he was transferred to a long spine board on the hospital bed. (See separate

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medical report on Shawn Graves by Paramedic Gorman) We quickly restocked NS and blood pumps and began to return to the scene. R11 and R13 left SMC to return back to the scene together. We returned code 3 with police motorcycle units providing an escort and blocking intersections.

Upon returning to the scene, both rescues were placed at the front of the ambulances staged. We set up for the next patient w/ multiple blood pumps, backboard on pram, etc.

I assigned FF Martinez to assist Dr Calwell (?) of DG with taking notes and recording which patients were sent to which hospital. FF Knutsen was also helping in the Medical Division.

We were told that the DG units were assigned as Triage/Medical. We reported to them. A Denver police detective, Jim Hess, was assigned to be with our unit. Shortly after that, we were sent to a forward area in front of the school to pick up a patient. A SWAT officer jumped into the front seat and directed us to the East side doors of the school, where the SWAT officers were operating from. We backed the unit to the doors and waited for an seriously injured teacher that we were told should be out in a few minutes. We unloaded several backboards into the hallway inside this doorway in preparation of multiple patients. We positioned ourselves at this door for a very long time, probably 1 ½ hours while the various SWAT teams rescued numerous classrooms of students and brought them through our position. We were prepared for any injured student and the injured teacher, which never came.

At one point, it became apparent that the SWAT teams did not have maps of the school which Captain Gorman had made earlier and sent to the teams by a SWAT team runner. Captain Gorman, left briefly and returned with maps which I believe were then distributed to the SWAT teams to aid their searches.

At one point we were told that there were several natural gas leaks in the building, but we were told that the gas had been shut off.

At approx. 1630, when the building was given the "all clear" by SWAT and we were assured there were no more live victims inside, I left R13 and returned to Operations for reassignment.

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Engine 11 was brought back to staging and put back in service by the original crew. The EMS equipment was placed back on the unit.

Engine 11 was then reassigned to the west side of the building to assist the bomb squad with deactivating numerous devices.

Upon arrival on the west side, we reported to Chief Ruoff and Deputy Fire Marshall Rick Young. We were asked to stretch lines to back up the bomb squad on the north end of the library, on the second floor. The 200' of 2 ½ preconnect was deployed to just outside the north library entrance where it was wye'd into a 200' section of 1 ¾ and a 300' section of 1 ½". The plan was to advance the hose lines to extinguish any fires which started as the result of detonation of any explosive devices.

I was told that the nearest hydrant was at Pierce and Polk. We asked for a second engine to provide a water supply in the event we needed it. Initially, the plan was for S16 to come to the parking lot below us and lay a dry 2 ½ line to our pumper in the event we needed more water. We were advised that there were two unexploded car bombs in that lot, so an engine was brought to the area behind us when other support units later arrived.

We bunkered and donned SCBA while the car bombs were being deactivated by a remote control robot and bomb squad members. In the event of a detonation, we were told by the bomb squad to let the vehicle burn for several minutes to insure there was no other device in it before we extinguished the fire. The car bombs were then deactivated without any problems by the bomb squad.

E11 continued to standby while numerous devices were brought out by the bomb squad.

As it began to get dark, we requested an additional unit for lighting. Heavy Rescue 14 was brought to the back for their light tower.

At this point, the last of our VHF radios began to go dead. We asked Operations for more batteries or radios so we could operate in the interior of the school when needed. Operations sent four 800 mhz radios to our location, however the Boulder SWAT team would not let them pass into our area. We relayed this information to the Jeffco officer in charge in the back and he told us to have the radios sent in again after contacting his officers

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in front of the school. Again the radios were sent in, only to be again turned away by the Boulder SWAT team. I explained to both Operations and the Jeffco officer, that until we had at least two working portable radios, that we would not be able to enter the school. And until we prepared to enter, the bomb squad interior operations would also stop. The requested portables were finally let in.

At approximately, 2000 our crews on the west side of the school were relieved by fresh crews. I briefed Captain Seno on the status of the operations with the bomb squad. I informed him that there were numerous explosives inside and numerous dead victims. I also advised him that there were possibly motion sensitive bombs and booby traps and that interior operations were on a strictly voluntary basis.

E11 and R11's crews were then shuttled back to Station 11 where we ate dinner, debriefed as a crew, and went home at approximately 2100.

Just prior to leaving for home, Starbucks delivered about 20 gallons of coffee to dispatch. I delivered about 15 gallons of that coffee to the LFD command on scene while on the way home.

Captain James Olsen  
4/28/99

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## SUMMARY OF EVENTS 20 APRIL 1999 FOR RICHARD CAUDILL.

I responded with Castlewood Rescue 37 from station 11 to the scene at approximately 1400 hrs to shuttle equipment. While at the scene we were placed into staging. I checked in with Chief Ireland and Chief Ruoff at the command post. I remained with Rescue 37 until approximately 1530 hrs. At that time Chief Easton assigned me to Rescue 11 to respond to the southeast corner of the school in support of the bomb squad and SWAT team. Engine 11 and Rescue 11 responded to the area.

Once at location I assisted in pulling two handlines too the east library door. FF Knutsen and I pulled the 2 ½" exposure line and wyed the 1 ¾' and 1 ½" lines to the door. These lines were flaked at the door. At no time did I enter the structure on this date.

While standing by at approximately 2230 hrs the bomb squad was loading pipe bombs into the holding tank and one exploded. I responded down to evaluate the tech. I performed the evaluation and returned the tech to duty.

I remained on standby with Engine 11 until 0230hrs. At that time I retrieved the hoses and placed the trucks back inservice. The units left the scene at approximately 0245hrs.

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## Incident Report The Columbine High School Shootings

On 4/20/99 Sqr#12 was at station 18 for SCBA training when the call came down for shots fired at Columbine High School. We stopped training and moved back to our district for coverage. We were then called out to a diabetic problem ( call # 34899 ) on Kendall, just east of the school, with Rescue #32. We were able to give the patient dextrose and she responded immediately. We left the patient in the care of the three personnel on Rescue #32. After we became available, Capt. Otto informed command of our close proximity to the high school after which we were assigned to a staging area for fire attack if needed. We arrived and were met by Captain Skip Wilson who was the staging officer for the fire attack group. Sqr#16, Engine 18, a West Metro engine and a Denver 75' aerial met at staging with us. The officers reviewed the preplan for the school and Engine 18 was assigned to hit the hydrant on the north side of the school and lay into the FDC by the front door. The Denver unit was assigned to the south side for fire attack.. Sqr#12, Sqr#16 and the West metro unit were to be held in staging until initial attack was made and further need assessed. The Denver aerial had to go out of service due to mechanical and Sqr#12 assumed their assignment. We stopped all foot traffic headed into the scene and diverted them around to the library. We had been assigned 2 ambulances as part of the fire group. They did not show up and we were later told they had been diverted for patient transport. The fire group remained in staging until released by command. We went to station #16 for fuel, then back to station #12 in service. We were later told by control to move-up to station # 16 as we were still attached to the incident. We stood by at the station until relieved from duty by another crew. We were instructed to go home.

Brian Delasantos  
Paramedic/Engineer  
Station 12

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From: "Tyson Hungerford" <hungrosity@earthlink.net>  
To: COL.LFDPO(THUNGERF)  
Date: Wed, Apr 28, 1999 5:27 PM  
Subject: COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

#### INCIDENT REPORT

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Our group stayed in staging for approximately five hours until released by command. We went to station #16 for fuel and then returned to quarters in service. We were contacted by control to move up to station #16. We were told that we were still attached to the incident but that we were to wait at station #16 until further orders. We stood by at station #16 until relieved from duty by another crew. We were instructed to go home.

#### Comments

This was a very difficult day for all involved. For us, I think the hardest part was to be so close and never given the opportunity to help. We had all the equipment and manpower in the world and it was very hard to listen to the radio calling for units and manpower and pass us up. I felt very helpless in a place where I could have been helpful. My frustration peaked when we were instructed to go home. The last thing anyone on my crew wanted to do was go home. How were we supposed to go home and talk to our loved ones about this, having no information, comforting words, and having done nothing. We wanted to stay and help.

Tyson Hungerford  
Firefighter  
Station #12

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## Incident Report

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#### Comments

This was the most difficult day of my career. To sit in staging for 5 hours listening to calls for more medics and medical equipment was unbearable and we did nothing. We could hear off duty personnel who had come to the scene, on the radio in assigned positions, working at the incident while we sat doing nothing. We watched and heard units from other departments in the scene, helping, and we did nothing. It is a widely held belief on A shift that if you weren't the initial units dispatched, you had to be off duty or a member of another department to make it into this call. My frustration was the highest it has ever been in 20 years in EMS. My moral is at the lowest.

#### Problems encountered

1. Communications between agencies. We were able to achieve minimal, between 3 of the 5 units.

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2 No command of the group. This was left to the officers present. We were told we had been assigned a command however we could not reach him on the radio. Engine # 18 was decided on as command. This left 3 aerial units free for fire attack. At no time during the incident did we have communication with our assigned command.

David Otto  
Paramedic/Captain  
Station #12

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## Columbine incident assignments.

# Memo

**To:** Chief John Easton  
**From:** Captain Skip Wilson  
**CC:** Captain Gene Nagle  
**Date:** 04/28/99  
**Re:** Scene activities

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Chief,

*1st* When I arrived at the scene, I was asked to oversee a task force of engine companies. It was determined that the possibility of incendiary devices on scene had the potential of causing fire hazards to the remaining students and emergency personnel within Columbine High school. My assignment was to coordinate a plan with five different jurisdictional fire companies. These companies were made up of Truck Company 28 from Denver, Engine 14 from West Metro Fire department and Littleton Sq. 12 and Engine Company 18.

Passports were collected and preliminary plans of company assignments were made. Engine 18 under the command of Randy Glanville was to connect to the FDC on the east side of the school (structure side D) and truck company 28 was to station itself at structure side corner A and B. This would allow for safe aerial operations at a corner and out of a precarious collapse zone. All radio communications were pre-coordinated with the units in staging. It was advised and planned that should the task force be needed, those communications plans would be advised to operations officer and fireground channels could be assigned.

The task force was designated "Task force 4 staging". Fortunately, the need was not encountered. I was soon relieved from the scene and Randy Glanville was placed in charge.

*2nd* Later in the incident I returned to the scene and aided the logistics officer in relieving crews that had been assigned for most of the day. Through coordination with BC Jeff Christ overtime personnel were called in and for the most part a smooth transition of personnel re-assignments were made.

If any further information is required I would be happy to assist you. My sincere thanks to all who worked so hard in the face of such adversity. I am so proud to be associated with the people of this department.

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*Gene,*

*I believe this was close to 12:15 or 12:30 PM ON THE FIRST, AND 6:10 TO 6:30 ON THE PERSONNEL CHANGES AND THAT LASTED UNTIL 9:00 PM.*

To: Chief Rahne  
From: Monte Fleming  
Subject: CHS incident.

The following is a synopsis of R-11's actions on 4/20/99.

R-11 staffed with John Alyward and Monte Fleming responded to CHS for a report of "shots fired and multiple victims". We responded down Bowels and turned south on Pierce. We noted several students running through the park.

We were directed by the B.C to assist a PT. at Pierce and Fair. "See PT report of Stephanie". After initial treatment, we passed the PT to Justin of CAS for transport to Littleton Hosp.

R-11 then responded to the initial staging area on Pierce. At this time, we were directed to the southwest side of CHS that was reported as "secure" with four to five victims down. While driving through the parking lot, we noted several Police Officers with weapons trained to the Library area. R-13 pulled in prior to us on R-11. Both units attempted to get as close as possible to the victims lying on the sidewalk. R-13 was to the left of R-11. My partner John exited R-11 and got one PT off the sidewalk while I removed the pram from the rescue. John was able to carry the Pt without assistance. "See report Anna Marie". At this point, I went to assist R-13 in carrying a Pt to the rear of their rescue. I left R-13 and searched the grounds in front of the commons area for additional Pt's.

I found one pt lying on the sidewalk to the left of R-13. Pt was cold to the touch and no pulse was noted. I then moved 10 ft to the right and found one Pt with multiple GSW's.

At this point, I heard a shot from the school and the Police in the parking lot returned fire. I picked up the Pt and began running the 40 FL to R-13. The Pt was handed off to Jerry on R-13 and I ran to R-11 to assist John in getting his Pt into the rescue. I then drove R-11 out of the parking lot to the staging area. Informed Command that the SW area was not secure and proceeded to Swedish med cen. With our Pt.

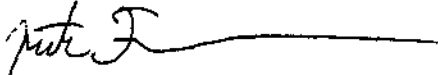
We returned to the scene code 3 with a Police escort from Englewood PD.

We were once again placed in staging. Our next Pt was removed from the armored car. "See report Re: Patrick Ireland". Pt was transported to St. A's code three with a code 3 return to staging.

R-11 was then assigned to the rear sector of the school to aid the ATF and bomb squad.

We were then released to station 11 and sent home for the shift.

Monte Fleming



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**COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENT, APRIL 20, 1999**  
**by Charlie Martinez (E11)**

On Tuesday, April 20, 1999, I was assigned to work at Station 11, as driver/operator of Engine 11. At about 11:25 a.m., Station 11 was called out for a possible shooting at Columbine High School.

I responded with Captain Olsen and Firefighter Knudsen. Rescue 11 responded with Paramedic Aylward and Paramedic Fleming. Our route to Columbine High School was Bowles Ave. to S. Pierce St.

Turning onto Pierce St., I could see the students running across Clement Park from the high school. I turned Engine 11 just south of Leawood Dr. to block traffic on Pierce southbound.

When I exited the engine, I went to the park and met some of the students. They were hysterical and scared. The students told me there were two men at the back of the school (the west side) and they were shooting at students. They stated they could see the smoke from the guns. I directed the students to go to the corner of the park and stay together. They said they were going home and I explained we needed them to stay together and to go to the corner of the park at Bowles and Pierce so we could keep track of them. When they went to the corner, the other students started following them.

A student came to me and told me there were two gunmen in black trench coats and they had guns, shotguns, and a description. I had him go talk to a Jefferson County Sheriff. Another student told me to warn the police that a Mr. Demanna (?) was in the gym helping students to get out. I went back and told the sheriff this.

I went back to my engine and was informed that a SWAT team was assembled as was going to take the engine for cover. I offered to drive if they had a vest, and was told absolutely not. I showed one of the members the controls and brake system locations and how to work them. The SWAT team took Engine 11.

I then went and helped Rob from West Metro Fire keep track of rescues and ambulances coming in. We set up the area for their staging. I also helped keep track of units going in and transporting destinations. I was then put with a Denver General crew and a Dr. Caldwell (?). After a short time, I was then put with Rescue 11's crew of Monte Fleming, John Aylward, and Ryan Knutsen.

We went in and took Patrick Ireland and a Denver investigator to St. Anthony's Hospital. After we returned from St. Anthony's we waited in staging area. While we waited, I went with another Denver investigator, Henry, to get some vests for him and some other investigators.

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When I returned with Henry, I noticed that Engine 11 was returned. I went and checked the engine over, and saw Captain Olsen and Firefighter Knutsen and advised him the engine was back. We returned to the engine as a crew. An engine was needed at the back of the school to assist the Bomb Squad. engine 11 was sent to assist the Bomb Squad in the event there was a fire. At the back of the school we set up and laid out 200' of 1-3/4" hose.

At the back of the school I noticed two students that were covered. We stretched the hose lines to the school and I think I could see one student lying in the hall of the school. We were told to back out because a bomb was found in a car in the parking lot for fear it could detonate.

I stayed by the engine while the bomb squad dealt with a bomb in the car with a water canon and robot. I watch as they unloaded a lot of gas and explosive devices from the car.

About this time we were waiting for a unit to come back to provide lighting. The unit came and other personnel, that was when we were told ....

I'm not sure of the time span that I spent in each area, I've told about. But I think we were relieved and left the back of the school around 9:00 pm.

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REPORT OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENT APRIL 20, 1999

I was contacted by Kathy Sampron shortly after 11:30 and asked to staff a reserve engine. I responded from home to Station 18 to find that there were no reserves in service for the entire district.

While at Station 18 I called in Mark Konecny and Spencer Fraas to staff Brush 18. Also I began assisting dispatch with coverage in the district.

At about 1330 hours I responded to staging at Pierce & Bowles on a reserve, Rescue 17 with Mark Konecny, Spencer Fraas, and Gary Metz. We remained staged until we were released.

I was then utilized as Captain on Engine 11. Until 0200 hours we stood by on the west side of Columbine High while the building was swept by SWAT and bombs were removed.

ROLAND SENO  
Captain

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REPORT ON COLUMBINE INCIDENT APRIL 20, 1999 - FROM LT. BARB THOMAS

I called Fire Department Administration when I heard of the shooting at Columbine High School, and its severity, to see if off duty crews were needed. They said yes.

I came to Station 11 a little after 1300. A short time later Rescue 18 EMT's arrived at Station 11 without a paramedic. I received an assignment from dispatch to cover Station 13's district. My crew was Rondi Lambeth, Patrick Brandon, and Shane, a dispatcher. We did not have all of our paramedic equipment, some drugs and intubation equipment, so we became married to the Engine 17 crew.

We responded to a possible heart attack at Leawood Elementary, AMR was on scene, had patient. We assisted AMR in getting the patient to the ambulance.

We then responded to a call at the suspect's house. The call was for strong odor of gas. Law enforcement was on scene. We had odor of gasoline from outside. We shut off utilities, laid a hoseline for protection as law enforcement entered the home. We were later released by law enforcement.

We then received a call for a heart attack at a clinic. Columbine was called for transport. By that time Michael Johnson had joined our crew, he assisted Columbine Ambulance with the patient. I don't remember what time it was.

We were then told to go to the command area to get equipment and then cover Station 11's district. While at command area my crew on Rescue 18 treated a SWAT team member who was transported by Columbine Ambulance to unknown hospital. I was asked to help at the command center, the rest of Rescue 18 crew was to go to Station 11.

I was sent home from the command area after 2000 hours.

LT. BARB THOMAS

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To: BC Ray Rahne  
From: FF John Aylward  
Re: Columbine Incident

The following is my recollection of the events as they happened at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999

R11, E11, R13, and BN1 were dispatched to Columbine H.S. to respond with JCSO on report of shots fired with possible victims. R11 crew (Aylward, Fleming) and E11 (Olsen, Martinez, Knutsen) headed west on Bowles Ave. to Pierce. On arrival, BC Rahne directed R11 to a patient on the southeast corner of Pierce St. and W. Fair Dr. (see medical report on Stephanie Munson). Pt was treated and transported to Bowles Ave. and Jay St. where we were met by a Columbine Ambulance crew. Pt was transferred to CAS for transport, and R11 returned to the Command Post. On arrival, R13 on scene, R11 and R13 responded to the southwest corner of the school for report of several victims down. Prior to our response, the area was reported and confirmed twice to be secure by police units on scene. R13 followed by R11 approached the area, and I noted several JCSO Deputies taking cover behind parked cars with weapons pointed at the building. We could see victims on the sidewalk near the building. R13 proceeded to the far southwest corner of the school, where they discovered three victims. I spotted one victim, a 17 year old girl, on the sidewalk approximately 25-30 feet to the east of R13 (see medical report on AnneMarie Hochhalter). I pulled R11 up on the sidewalk as close as possible to the victim and jumped out of the rig. Monte Fleming opened the rear of R11 and pulled out the cot, and was summoned to help R13's crew as they had three possible victims. I approached my patient, and seeing she was alive, picked her up and ran to the rear of R11 and placed her on the cot. As I looked over to R13 to check their progress, I heard gunfire coming from the library windows directly over my head. I was hit with fragments, which I now know was glass from the broken windows. The police immediately returned fire. I saw Monte carry a patient to the rear of R13, and pass him off to R13's crew (Gorman, LoSasso). Monte was able to then make it back to R11 and help load the cot with our patient into R11. I jumped in the back with the patient while Monte jumped in front and drove us out of the area. R11 briefly stopped at the staging area and picked up FF Ryan Knutsen who got in the back to assist with care and treatment of our patient. R11 proceeded to Swedish Hospital, Code 3. R11 turned over our patient to the hospital staff, and returned Code 3 with a police escort, to the Command Post. On

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arrival to the Staging Area, we noted numerous ambulances from several different jurisdictions staged. R11 proceeded to the front of the line and prepared to receive more casualties. After a while, R11 crew was told that the SWAT team was rescuing a victim from a second story window. The SWAT team brought out the patient in an armored car. We opened the back door of the armored car and received the patient on a long spine board. R11's crew was told by the Denver paramedic in charge of triage, that the patient was suffering from an isolated ankle fracture. As we placed the patient in R11, we noted a large amount of blood on the patient's head and face, and discovered a gunshot wound to the forehead (see medical report on Patrick Ireland). FF Knutsen drove the rescue with FF Martinez in front and myself and Monte attending the patient in back. We were also accompanied by a Denver police detective who interviewed the patient during transport. R11 proceeded Code3 to St. Anthony Central. On arrival, patient care was transferred to St. Anthony Hospital staff, and R11 returned to the Command Post Code3. We were then told there were numerous fatalities, and the possibility of any more survivors was not expected. The incident began to de-escalate and other ambulances were returning to service. R11 and E11 proceeded to the rear of the school to stand by while the ATF and Bomb Squad discovered and deactivated the many explosive devices throughout the school and grounds. Somewhere between 2000hrs and 2030hrs R11 and E11 crews were replaced and returned to quarters, where we were subsequently sent home at approximately 2100hrs.

John Aylward

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To: Chief Rahne  
From: Jerry LoSasso  
Subject: Columbine High School

On April 20<sup>th</sup> I was assigned to Rescue 13. Mark Gorman was my partner. At around 11:26 in the morning we received a call of gun shots at C.H.S. We responded to C.H.S. from the South. Turning onto Pierce I saw two J.C.S.O. with guns pulled looking into the Southeast parking lot. I pulled up and stopped at Weaver St. At that time I told Mark I was going to pull up to Caley St. and parked. I then looked up around Fair St and saw people yelling for us to come up to where they were. I heard someone say that there was someone shot up here. I told them that we could not go up there until the cops let us through.

At this time I noticed cars still driving through on Pierce so I got out and set up cones across Pierce to stop traffic. We were finally cleared to go up to Fair St. As we approached Fair St. R-11 pulled up to help the pt. I then spotted R-13 near the Southwest parking lot, we were told that there were 3 to 4 victims in the back. While we were out on the street waiting to get cleared into the scene, a teacher was talking to us. I asked him where the common area was. He told me to stay to the right when I get into the parking lot and look for the green covering.

We waited out on the street for what seemed like forever and finally word came through that it was cleared to go in. I started to drive through the parking lot when I saw several J.C.S.O. with their guns pulled and aimed up in the air at the building. As I proceeded to the back I saw one of J.C.S.O. motioning for me to get out of there. I started to make a left turn in the parking lot and realized that I was going into a dead end. I stopped and backed up, and then saw another cop motioning for us to come over to where he was. I started toward him and saw 3 victims on the sidewalk.

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For some reason I knew that I wanted to put the rescue between the victims and the building. I pulled Rescue 13 up as close to the building as I could. I then got out of R-13 and went over to the first victim, which was a male. He was a DOA (Dan) but I felt for a pulse and could not find one, he was cold and already turning blue. The second victim was also a male. When I approached the second victim (Lance) I saw that the left side of his jaw was gone. He was breathing so I told him I would be right back. I then went to the third victim, and again was a male. He (Sean) was half way in the door. I grab his legs and started to pull him back out of the door. At this time I called for Mark to help me. Mark grabs Sean's collar and I grabbed his belt and we went to the back of Rescue 13. As we started to put Sean into the back I heard two shots, and then the S.W.A.T Team in the parking lot returned fire. As I was trying to get Sean in the back I asked if he could help. Sean said that he could not feel his legs. I finally got him into the back of R-13 and started to go get Lance when I turned around there was Monte with Lance. Monte handed me Lance so I put him into R-13 on top of Sean. I then shut the doors and drove out on to Pierce St. I stopped and asked for some help, because we had two critical patients. We gave Lance to D.G. medics.

I asked Olsen to get into the back of R-13 with Mark. We then headed for Swedish. When we arrived we gave Sean to the trauma team. We then returned to the C.H.S. We were told that there was another critical patient and that we would be transporting that patient to D.G. That never happened. The rest of the incident we stayed by the Southeast door and stood by with the S.W.A.T Team.

After the incident was over for us we were told that we were being relieved and that we would be going home. About 1930 I was sent home.

Jerry LoSasso

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## ENGINE 13 COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENT

Captain Tom Rybolt  
Engineer Lisa Drummond  
Firefighter/ Paramedic Kyle Naas

Narrative by Tom Rybolt

On April 20, 1999 at approximately 1115 hrs Eng. 13 was dispatched to a weed fire and explosion on Wadsworth Blvd south of Ken Caryl. On arrival of Eng. 13 West Metro Fire Department, Eng. 414 was already on the scene. At the time of our arrival on Wadsworth, dispatch toned out units to Columbine High School for students that were shot. Engine 13 cleared the scene at the weed fire and notified dispatch that we were responding to Columbine High School.

While enroute to the school, dispatch notified units that there was more than one student shot. Dispatch also told units to stage so the sheriff could clear and secure the area of the school prior to units going onto the scene. Engine 13 staged about 100 feet north of Weaver Ave. on Pierce St. At this area the firefighter from Engine 13 blocked traffic and restricted access so cars could not proceed north on Pierce St. Two, maybe three sheriff cars passed by to proceed to the school. We advised fire command that we needed a police officer to control or block traffic on south Pierce Street. Fire Marshal Hofstra stopped at Engine 13's location on Pierce St. A crowd of about 30 residents had started to gather to find out what was going on. Parents of students were asking what was happening at the school. Several parents wanted to proceed to the school to find their children because they knew something was wrong. Myself and Fire Marshal Hofstra tried to explain to the parents what was going on at the school. We told them of reports of shots at the school and we were waiting for the Sheriff to secure the scene. A State Patrol officer arrived on the scene and told us he could control traffic on Pierce St.

Fire Command notified Rescue 13 and Rescue 11 that the scene was clear at the south west corner where the cafeteria was located. Fire command advised them that there were several patients at that location and to proceed to the cafeteria. Engine 13 notified fire command that we were available to help the two rescue units. Fire command told Engine 13 to proceed to assist the rescue units. Engine 13 proceeded north to the school parking lot we could see the two rescues leaving the area very rapidly and heard what we thought were shots fired. Engine 13 retreated south on Pierce St. and staged again.

Fire command or dispatch notified units of five patients shot at Yukon and Caley streets. Rescue 18 was dispatched, I notified fire command that Engine 13 could respond to Yukon and Caley to assist. Fire command sent Engine 13 to Yukon and Caley. Upon arrival Caley medical command asked Engine 13 to treat patients. One patient was packaged and ready to be transported, he had lacerations to his left knee, lacerations to

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left hand. A nurse bandaged this patient and had his identification. Firefighter Naas treated Brian Anderson for chest wounds from what seemed to be pellets from a shotgun. Engineer Drummond assisted with treatment of this patient and prepared him for transport. Then Kyle Naas went over to Mark Kintgen. Kyle witnessed seizure activity in Mark and started an I V in his right a.c. the patient was packaged and prepared to be transported by helicopter to Denver Health Medical Center. I communicated with Air Life Control Center for the transportation of Mark and contacted the helicopter for a landing zone. Mark had shotgun wounds at about C3 or C4. When the helicopter arrived we loaded Mark into Air Life. Additionally St. Anthony's flight for life also landed on this site. I contacted them and notified command that at this time we didn't need another helicopter. Fire Command told me to have St. Anthony's land just to the north of the school because there was a patient there that needed to be flown out.

Lisa Drummond assisted with getting the students at Caley and Yukon in contact with their parents. This was done by cell phone to allow the students to call their parents. Engineer Drummond attended an adult cafeteria worker from Columbine High School who was checked out for high blood pressure. Lisa turned this patient over to three West Metro medics. I notified fire command that Engine 13 was available and standing by at Caley and Yukon.

Fire command asked Engine 13 to respond to the front of the school so tactical SWAT teams could use Engine 13 for protection of their SWAT teams. Engine 13 responded hot back to the front of the school. When we arrived at Bowles and Pierce we were stopped by a Denver Police Sergeant who told me that there was enough fire trucks in front of the school. I communicated to him that our tactical assignment was for protection of the SWAT teams. He would not let us proceed even after he was told of our mission. After a considerable amount of time we were allowed to proceed.

Once in the front of the school we were asked to force entry into a fence on the east side of Pierce to allow students to proceed through the back yard and on to Otis Ct. This was done so the students could be taken by bus to Leewood Elementary school.

We stood by for any medical needs or support of any special needs that the SWAT teams may need.

About 1545 hrs. the SWAT teams requested that the fire alarm system and the sprinkler system be shut off. I proceeded into the school with Captain Bruggenthies and Fire Marshall Hofstra, we were escorted by a SWAT team. The alarm system was silenced and the sprinkler system turned off.

Engineer Drummond and Firefighter Naas were assigned to Dr. Colwell of Denver Health Medical. He requested them to accompany him into the school library to assist with checking for survivors.

After the crew was back together from the library we replaced the tools and medical kits taken off the truck.

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Fire Command advised us to get prepared to be relieved by another crew that was coming in to replace us.

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# Memorandum

To: Captain Gene Nagle  
From: Lieutenant David Stern  
Date: 04/27/1999  
Re: Columbine High School Response

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April 20, 1998, Rescue 15 became inoperable due to mechanical failure. Rescue 18 was finishing a call across the street from Station 17. After their completion, I requested to have Rescue 18 transport us to Station 16 in order to obtain a reserve unit. Before arriving at our destination, the call came in for an explosion at Columbine High School. Lieutenant Schefcik and I felt it would be prudent to go to a closer staging area, should there be a need for further assistance.

As events began to unfold, we staged Rescue 18 closer, at the corner of Pierce and Ken Caryl. Unfortunately, we were dispatched to attend to a MVA on Littleton Blvd. We then were called back to the incident at Columbine after it was determined there were no injuries. On arrival at the scene, Chief Rahne was approached for an assignment. He indicated there was a need for medical assistance at the intersection of Caley and Yukon. On arrival at Caley and Yukon with five medics on board, it was necessary to begin a major triage operation. Numerous young people were lying over several lawns in the cul-de-sac. It was agreed that Lt. Schefcik would arrange for transportation and establish a radio link. I myself began triage and sorting. Three critical patients were immediately identified and the worst was given to the EMT-medic on Rescue 18 for transport to Swedish Hospital. Destinations were still unclear, and Lt. Schefcik was desperately trying to confirm possible hospital destinations for all patients. Although we had not been there for long, supplies rapidly became exhausted. Lt. Schefcik then tried to find sufficient medical supplies to take care of all the victims. Later Captain Bruggenthies arrived with additional supplies.

After the first three patients were sent on their way, four others were determined to be in moderate levels of needed medical care, and were assigned urgent. Ambulances came and went, as we tried to maintain organization. All patients were appropriately categorized; however, transportation was still slow to recover. Destinations of the patients could not be determined, as communications became frustratingly haphazard. Final destinations were then just simply assigned, based on the knowledge where our patients had gone and the inference from the where the first patients, at the front of the school, had gone. Several other patients and others with no external injuries continued to arrive via police cruisers. Word had gone out, to police, that Caley division was actively treating patients. In all, eleven patients were ultimately transported. Students that had been brought to the triage area, and had no injuries, were shuttled to the rear of a home that neighbors offered to assist those in need of escape from the press. About two and half-hours later, all patients had been processed, including the one by helicopter. An RTD bus was sent to our location, in order to take all of the rest of the students to a receiving station. Lt. Schefcik made call to operations, that Caley division could probably dissolve and return to a new assignment. Operations indicated that the two lieutenants should stay in place until further awareness of the conditions at the school could be determined. About an hour later, we received word to dissolve our station and return to Station 13.

Columbine Report  
From G. Nagle

On April 20, 1999 I entered dispatch and was informed, by Dispatch Supervisor Doug Ferry, that there had been a shooting and a possible explosion at Columbine High School. As I received this report Chief Pessemier arrived and asked for an update on the situation. The Chief then requested that all command staff be paged to respond to the scene. The Chief then asked me to accompany him to scene.

Enroute to the scene I called dispatch and asked that an off duty BC be called in for back fill at station and for relief of on duty crews. We were advised to respond to the Command Post at Leawood and Pierce.

Upon arrival we met with BC Rahne and were briefed on the conditions and actions at this time. Chief Pessemier stated that there needed to have a unified command, due to the interaction between police and fire departments. Chief Rahne advised us that there were unknown number of shooters in the building and possible explosive devices in the building. All units were staged and would not commit until the area is declared safe by JCSO. Units were staged at Leawood and Pierce and at Weaver and Pierce. JCSO's command van was on scene to the north of the BC's car. I was assigned as an aid to BC Rahne and as a runner from the JCSO Command Post, where Chief Pessemier was coordinating the police and fire operations.

The FD command post was notified that the building was safe and two ambulances were needed in the parking lot on the south side of the school. R11 and R13 responded. We were notified by R11 that the area was not safe and that they, R11 and R13 were under fire from inside the building. R11 and R13 returned to the command post with three patients. All three patients were then transported to area hospitals, see individual reports for times and destinations. A staging area was set up in front of the command post area with 4 ambulances. A triage area was set up in front of the command post on the lawn on the West Side of Pierce. Tom Cribly was assigned to be the EMS division and asked to coordinate the triage, treatment and the EMS staging areas. The duties of EMS staging and transportation were given West Metro Chief Berg, Chief Armstrong, Chief Daley, and Lt Tyus upon their arrival. West Metro Captain Kral was assigned to operations to assist with documentation.

Chief Pessemier assumed command and BC Rahne was assigned as the operations Chief. Operations was notified that there were several patients at Yukon and Caley, requesting four ambulances. R18 was sent to this location and assumed control of operation, triage, treatment and transport. A request for four additional ambulances from Yukon and Caley was received from staging. Two off duty dispatchers, Lou Rowe and Kasey Feagin, arrived on scene and began taking care off communication functions, in South Metro's BC car. A PSCO representative arrived to shut off the gas to the building and was told to wait for an escort from police before entering the hazard zone.

I was then assigned to go with a Denver Health ambulance to set up West Side Triage area. A Denver Police vehicle escorted us to the West Side. The triage area was located at E11, which was located outside to the north of the library. One body was noted to the east of E11 and at the bottom of the stairs leading to the lower level, into the cafeteria. A Paramedic, Troy Layman, with Denver Health went in the lower level with a SWAT team to check for victims. Troy stayed in contact with us via portable radio. Troy advised that he had checked several victims that were dead. We requested three additional ambulances for possible victims, reported to be approximately 10-15. The SWAT team cleared the remainder of the library and stated there was one victim. The victim was removed on scoop and taken to a West Metro ambulance and transported, see medical report for patient information. A SWAT team member called for all available Paramedics to enter the library. We entered and began to check all the victims. There were no survivors found. All EMS personnel exited the building. I reported to operations that we had the one patient. Operations informed me that the ten ambulances, requested by PD were in route. I advised operation to stand down the ambulances, they were not needed. The two remaining unused ambulances were returned to staging. We then reentered the library with Dr Chris Colwell to pronounce the victims. We were advised after entry that the bodies might have explosive devices on them.

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Lisa Drummond and I then began digging out E11, which was stuck in the soft grass. The bomb team notified us that there were several devices in the area and that we needed to move away from the area. I then drove E11 back to the staging area in front of the operations area.

I was then assigned to determine the number of personnel and equipment was at the scene. The list was compiled and given to Chief Pessemier. A list of transported patients was also compiled. The list was given to Joy Hall, an off duty dispatcher. I then assisted Captain Wilson with the staffing of units, until he left the scene for home. I continued to work with the staffing until I left the scene at about 2230.

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To Captain Gene Nagle

From Steve Shelafo, Acting Engineer/Paramedic E-17

Subject: Columbine High School Incident Reports

On the day of the Columbine High School incident I was assigned to S-17 (Reserve S-12) with Captain Tim Floyd and FF Allen Chapman. To the best of my knowledge and estimate of time, the following events and actions involving our crew occurred on 4/20/99.

We were in service in quarters at station 17 at the time of dispatch for the shooting

Approximately 25 minutes into the incident we were moved up to cover station 11 district. We reported to dispatch to assist there if necessary. At that time Paramedic Bob Lovelace arrived to assist and was assigned to our Engine Company. We were then requested by Chief Rinne to move up to station 13.

R-18 arrived to station 13 with crew Lt. Barb Thomas, FF Patrick Brandon, FF Rhondi Lambeth and FF Michael Johnson. It was brought to our attention that R-18 did not have ALS equipment. The crew on R-18 were assigned to respond with S-17

1:55 PM – 2:19PM

S-17 and R-18 responded to Leawood Elementary School on an adult male having chest pain. Upon our arrival an ambulance was on scene unloading their param. The scene was very hectic, the ambulance crew, FF Patrick Brandon and FF Rhondi Lambeth assisted in locating and evacuating the patient from the school to the ambulance. The remainder of the crew was consumed with traffic, crowd and media control.

2:25 PM – 4:36 PM

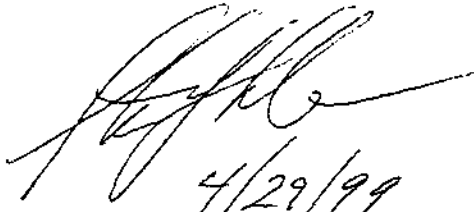
On our return to station 13, S-17 and R-18 were dispatched to [REDACTED] to assist Police and Bomb squad on a possible bomb at the residence of one of the shooting suspects. Upon our arrival police and bomb technicians were on scene. S-17 and R-18 were assigned to provide suppression back up for the bomb investigation. Shortly after our arrival we were informed that the suspect's mother and her lawyer were on scene. The brother of the suspect made an abrupt arrival to the scene and was stopped before running the street barricade. The police on scene questioned him and searched his vehicle. To my knowledge LFD personnel did not have contact with these individuals

During the bomb team's search of the residence, S-17 was positioned in front of the home. A 5" supply to the hydrant was in place and two 1-3/4" hose lines were positioned for suppression. LFD personnel made constant efforts to remain in well protected position during the incident.

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S-17 returned to station 13 for reassignment and was soon directed to CHS command to drop off Bob Lovelace for an assignment S-17 was then assigned to station 11 where we were informed of our relief for the remainder of the shift

S-17 returned to quarters in service

  
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From: Mark Gorman  
To: Gene Nagle  
Date: Mon, May 3, 1999 5 23 PM  
Subject: COLUMBINE REPORT

MY ASSIGNMENT FOR April 20, 1999 WAS PARAMEDIC ON R13, WITH FF JERRY LOSASSO AS MY EMT DRIVER. WE RESPONDED TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL, AT ABOUT 11:20 IN THE MORNING, ON A CALL OF SHOTS FIRED. E11, R11 AND BATT1 WERE ALSO DISPATCHED. AS R13 DROVE NORTH ON PIERCE ST, JUST NORTH OF W. CALEY PLACE, WE WERE MET BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL. WE WERE TOLD OF ONE VICTIM WITH A MINOR FOOT INJURY AT FAIR DR. WE WERE ALSO TOLD OF ONE "DOWN" IN THE SCHOOL. I INFORMED THE EMPLOYEE THAT WE COULD NOT PROCEED UNTIL WE WERE CLEARED BY THE JEFFCO SHERIFFS DEPT. AT THAT TIME I SAW A JEFFCO SQUAD CAR ENTER THE SOUTH PARKING LOT OF THE SCHOOL.

I INFORMED DISPATCH THAT THIS WAS A CONFIRMED SHOOTING, AND ADVISED THAT THE STREET SHOULD BE BLOCKED TO STOP TRAFFIC FROM PASSING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. FF LOSASSO BLOCKED THE STREET WITH CONES. WITHIN A FEW MINUTES WE WERE CLEARED TO STAGE AT FAIR DR. UPON ARRIVAL R11 WAS TREATING THE INJURED PT. WE STAGED AT THE INTERSECTION WITH ONE JEFFCO OFFICER WHO WAS ARMED WITH A PISTOL. WE HEARD ABOUT FOUR "POPS" WHICH WE THOUGHT WERE IN OUR DIRECTION. LATER IN THE INCIDENT I NOTICED THE POLICE HAD MARKED A BULLET THAT WAS LAYING IN THE STREET ABOUT 50 FEET NORTH OF OUR PARKING SPOT. WE WERE MOVED TO A STAGING AREA AT LEAWOOD DR AND PIERCE, AND LATER MOVED BACK TO OUR STAGING AREA AT FAIR DR.

FROM THIS LOCATION WE WERE TOLD THE SW CORNER OF THE SCHOOL WAS CLEAR AND WE WERE ASSIGNED TO PICK UP WOUNDED WITH R11. R11'S CREW WAS PARAMEDIC M. FLEMING AND PARAMEDIC J. ALWARD. WE DROVE TO THE SOUTH PARKING LOT AND OBSERVED ABOUT FOUR OFFICERS POINTING GUNS AT THE SCHOOL. FF LOSASSO PULLED THE RIG ONTO THE GRASS NEAR THE BUILDING ENTRANCE, WHERE WE SAW FOUR VICTIMS. R11 PULLED UP NEXT TO US, ON OUR EAST SIDE. WE EXITED THE VEHICLES AND RAN TO THE VICTIMS. WE FOUND ONE DEAD, AND HE WAS LEFT IN PLACE. FF LOSASSO AND I FOUND SEAN GRAVES, PRONE ON THE GROUND, CONSCIOUS AND ALERT. HE TOLD US HE COULD FEEL HIS LEGS BUT NOT MOVE THEM. HE WAS MOVED, IN THE POSITION FOUND, BY LIFTING HIS COLLAR AND BELT. AS I RECALL, THIS IS WHEN THE SHOOTING BEGAN.

HE WAS LOADED ONTO THE PRAM, WHICH WAS STILL IN R13. THIS WAS DIFFICULT AS THE PT WAS LARGE. AS I ARRANGED HIS BODY ON THE PRAM, FF LOSASSO WENT TO ASSIST OTHER VICTIMS. THE GUNFIRE CONTINUED. AT THIS TIME PARAMEDIC FLEMING CAME TO THE BACK OF THE RESCUE CARRYING PT LANCE KIRKLIN IN HIS ARMS. KIRKLIN HAD A MASSIVE GSW TO THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS JAW AND WAS CARRYING HIS OWN LEG WITH HIS ANKLE IN FRONT OF HIS FACE. WE PLACED HIM ON TOP OF PT GRAVES. IT WAS ABOUT THIS TIME THAT A JEFFCO OFFICER STARTED FIRING WHAT SEEMED TO BE A FULLY AUTOMATIC RIFLE AT THE BUILDING FROM THE REAR BUMPER OF R13. THE REAR DOOR OF R13 WAS CLOSED AND FF LOSASSO DROVE TO THE STAGING AREA AT FAIR DR. R11 LOADED PT ANNE MARIE HOCHHALTER AND FOLLOWED R13.

AT THE STAGING AREA PT KIRKLIN WAS PASSED TO A DG AMBULANCE. PARAMEDIC CAPTAIN JIM OLSEN JOINED ME IN THE BACK OF R13 FOR THE TRIO TO SMC. SEE THAT MEDICAL REPORT FOR COMPLETION.

AFTER LEAVING SMC, WE RETURNED TO THE SCENE CODE 3, WITH A ENGLEWOOD POLICE MOTOR CYCLE ESCORT. WE RETURNED TO THE STAGING AREA AT FAIR DR. I TOOK THE MAPS OF THE SCHOOL FROM R13 AND ATTEMPTED TO HAVE THEM DUPLICATED AT THE JEFFCO AND ARAPAHOE SHERIFFS DEPT COMMAND VEHICLES. THESE WERE FOR THE

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SWAT TEAM TO USE. THIS IDEA DID NOT APPEAR TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL

OUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THE FIRST DOOR SOUTH OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE, WHERE SWAT TEAMS WERE ENTERING. R13'S CREW NOW CONSISTED OF GORMAN, OLSEN AND LOSASSO. WE WERE TOLD AT LEAST THREE TIMES THAT AN INJURED TEACHER WOULD BE BROUGHT TO US BY A SWAT TEAM. AT ONE POINT WE WERE TOLD BY A SWAT LEADER THAT WE WERE CLEAR TO FOLLOW HIM, WITH OUR PRAM, TO A VICTIM. THAT ORDER WAS QUICKLY CANCELED. WE NEVER ENTERED THE BUILDING BY MORE THAN 25 FEET. JUST INSIDE THIS ENTRY DOOR WAS A BACK PACK, WE HAD BEEN TOLD OF MOTION SENSITIVE BOMBS IN BACK PACKS. AN OVERTURNED SMALL STUDENT DESK BLOCKED THE PACK FROM PEDESTRIANS.

AS EACH SWAT TEAM ENTERED THROUGH THIS DOOR, I MADE SURE THE TEAM LEADER KNEW OF THE BOMB REPORTS. ONE TEAM DID NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO OUR CONVERSATION. SWAT TEAMS BROUGHT OUT UNINJURED STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THROUGH THIS DOOR. THEY WERE ESCORTED ACROSS THE STREET BY THE FBI SWAT TEAM. OUR CREW STAYED AT THIS LOCATION UNTIL THE INCIDENT DE-ESCALATE. WE WERE RELIEVED OF DUTY AT ABOUT 1900 HOURS.

PARAMEDIC CAPTAIN MARK A. GORMAN 5/3/99

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April 27, 1999

Captain Timothy L. Floyd  
Station 17 'A'  
9554 S. University Blvd.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Captain Gene Nagle  
Fire Administration  
2255 W. Berry Ave.  
Littleton, CO 80165

Captain Nagle,

In response to your memo 04/27/99 please find my statement of actions 04/20/99:

Reporting to duty 07:30 hours found E-17 out on a call assisting Douglas County Sheriffs Department with a bomb that was found at Highlands Ranch High School.

Training and calls the rest of the morning. Heard initial dispatching of Incident at Columbine High School and turned on radio monitor.

Approximately 11:55 hours received a phone call from Captain Roland Seno ordering E-17 to move up to Station 11. Arriving Station 11 at approximately 12:15 hours. Reported to Chief Robert Rinne in Communications Center. 12:25 hours FF/Paramedic Bob Lovelace assigned to E-17 and received direct orders from Chief Rinne to move up to Station 13. Approximately 13:00 hours arrived Station 13. Shortly after 13:00 hour R-18 with Lt. Barb Thomas, FF Rhondi Lambeth, FF Michael Johnson and FF Patrick Brandon arrived at Station 13. R-18 did not have ALS medical equipment and was "married" to E-17.

13:55 hours, Call 34938, Medical Assist Leawood Elementary School, 6155 W. Leawood Dr. Assisted Ambulance on scene with adult, male patient with chest pain. I had no patient contact. Media "swarmed" me. I answered a question about what we were doing at Leawood by saying that

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we were providing emergency medical service to a citizen. I answer a question about the problem being related to CHS by saying: "I did not know if the problem was directly related." We remained tied up with traffic congestion until approximately 14:20 hours.

14:26 hours, Call 34946, Assist Police with investigation of 8276 S. Reed Street. 14:33 arrived and found Sheridan Police, Lakewood Police, ATF and Arapahoe County Bomb Technicians preparing to investigate gasoline smell and report of bomb at residence.

14:38 hours, approximately, shut off electricity and natural gas to residence with the permission of the Bomb Squad and Police.

15:10 hours, approximately, I became aware of a young man that was later identified as Eric Harris' brother driving up to the barricade, placing two duffel bags on the street. It was pointed out to me at this time that Eric Harris' Mother and her Attorney were in an automobile parked on the street south of our operation.

15:20 hour, approximately, I ordered a 5" supply line from hydrant west of our location, ready not charged. We pulled two 1 3/4" preconnected lines and charged one for team 1 ( FF Lovelace and FF Chapman in full protective gear) to back up Bomb Squad entry from "safe" street position. Second line was for team 2 ( FF Michael Johnson and FF Patrick Brandon in full protective gear.) Team 2 was to back up the operation.

15:30 hours, approximately, I ordered the adjacent houses evacuated. Police assisted.

15:40 to 15:50 staged and stood by.

15:50 hours, approximately, Bomb squad in full fire bunker gear entered [REDACTED]

16:00 hours, approximately, Bomb squad left building carrying "device."

16:05 Police told us we were no longer needed at this location .

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16:14 hours Rescue 18 returned to service as a BLS Rescue with four people.

16:36 hours Engine 17 returned to service.

17:00 hours, approximately, transported FF Bob Lovelace to Columbine High School Command.

17:30 hours, approximately, ordered to Station 11.

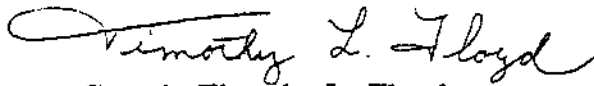
17:45 hours, approximately, ordered to return to Station 17 and be relieved.

18:20 hours, approximately, Paramedic/ Acting Engineer Steve Shelafo relieved and FF Allen Chapman relieved.

18:30 hours, approximately, I was relieved by Capt. Troy Zinn. E-17 moved up to Station 16, I believe.

20:00 hours, approximately, I finished paperwork and went home as ordered.

With Respect I Remain,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy L. Floyd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Captain Timothy L. Floyd



To: Captain Gene Nagle

In response to your memo on the columbine tragedy on 04/20/99. After hearing initial dispatch for incident I listened and watched incident with Capt. Floyd and Paramedic/Acting Engineer Steve Shelafo. At approximately 12:00 hours was told by Capt. Tim Floyd that we were going to Station 11. We arrived at Station 11 about 12:15 hours and reported to Chief Robert Rinne in the Communications Center. While in Communications FF/Paramedic Bob Lovelace was added to E-17 crew. I was then told by Capt. Tim Floyd we were moving to Station 13 where we arrived at about 13:00 hours. Shortly after arriving at Station 13 R-18 arrived with Lt. Barb Thomas, FF Rondi Lambeth, FF Patrick Brandon, and FF/Paramedic Micheal Johnson.

While at station 13 we all continued to monitor news coverage and radio traffic. Approximately 13:55 hours E-17 and R-18 responded to patient with chest pain at Leawood Elementary. On arrival we found that a AMR ambulance was already on scene and would be transporting patient. While at Leawood Elementary I was approached by a reporter in which I referred him to Capt. Floyd. The area around Leawood was very congested with people, traffic, and media which made it difficult for us to get out and return to station 13.

At approximately 14:30 hours E-17 and R-18 received call to assist police at [REDACTED]. On arrival found Sheridan, Lakewood, ATF, and Arapahoe County bomb squad preparing to investigate gasoline smell and possible bomb at residence.

At about 14:38 hours Capt. Floyd ordered electricity and gas shut off at residence.

Around 15:00 hours it was pointed out to me by Paramedic/ Acting Engineer Steve Shelafo that Eric Harris' mother with attorney was sitting in auto to the south of us.

At 15:10 hours, approximately, a kid who was later identified as Eric Harris' brother arrived at barricade, placing bags out on ground. Law enforcement at scene searched car and brother of Eric Harris. Also at this time we were in process of evacuating houses around the street.

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At 15:20 hours, Capt. Floyd gave the order to pull 5" supply to hydrant west of location, this was done by FF Patrick Brandon. Also at same time Capt. Floyd gave order to pull 1 3/4" preconnect which I did. A second 1 3/4" was also pulled and left uncharged. During this time FF/Paramedic Bob Lovelace and myself were made team one, and FF Patrick Brandon along with FF/Paramedic Michael Johnson were made team two.

15:40 to 15:50 stood by and waited.

At 15:50 , Bomb squad team entered the house. During this time FF/Paramedic Lovelace and myself were positioned on charged 1 3/4" in full protective clothing to back up bomb squad. Also FF Brandon and FF/Paramedic Johnson positioned themselves on the uncharged 1 3/4" line as a second back up. Approximately 17 minutes later bomb squad exited with device. We then picked up and prepared to leave scene.

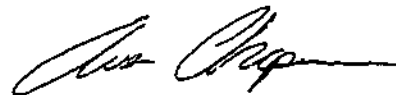
At approximately, 16:40 hours, we returned to station 13.

Around 17:00 hours, we dropped FF/Paramedic Bob Lovelace off at Columbine High School.

At 17:30 hours, we returned to station 11 and then returned to station 17.

At 18:20 hours, I was relieved and sent home.

From: FF Allen Chapman



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April 28, 1999

To : Captain Gene Nagle

From : Lieutenant John Schefcik

Re : Columbine Incident

On April the 20th, 1999 I was assigned to R-18 as the Lieutenant with my partner Patrick Brandon. We had just finished a medical assist at the Highlands Ranch Post Office. We returned to Station 17, by request of Lieutenant Stern ( Lieutenant Stern was with Rhondi Lambeth and a dispatcher named Shane ) to assist him by transporting his crew to Station 16 to retrieve a reserve Rescue unit. While en route to Station 16 we heard of the shooting at Columbine High School. We were on C-470 at Santa Fe when the dispatcher stated that there was a possibility of numerous victims. I chose to move up to Santa Fe and Mineral to stand by. Shortly after, from dispatch reports, the incident was escalating so I chose to move up to Ken Caryl and Pierce. My thoughts were if this turned out to be a MCI that we would need a lot of help and we had five people on board to do so.

I advised dispatch over the phone where we were staging and how many people I had on board. We were then dispatched to a report of an auto accident at Littleton Blvd. and Crocker St. with S-12. En route to this call S-12 reported a non injury accident and R-18 was told to respond to the shooting scene at Columbine High School and stage at Leawood and Pierce.

On arrival to the staging area, R -18 parked on Pierce St. southbound. We were given orders by Battalion Chief Ray Rahne to respond to Caley Dr. and Yukon Ct. on reports of victims there. R-18 was the first unit to arrive in the culdesac, on size up of the scene we had numerous victims lying on the ground. I immediately took command and assigned Lieutenant Stern to be the triage officer. I quickly counted the victims that were down and I determined that I needed ten ambulances. Patrick Brandon and Rhondi Lambeth assisted Lieutenant Stern with the triage, it was then decided that they would take the most severely wounded patient themselves in R-18. Myself and Lieutenant Stern remained at the scene to coordinate command and triage.

Rescue units from West Metro and Ambulances from AMR and Columbine started to arrive at the scene of Caley Dr. and Yukon CT. to transport out the victims. One Pt, that had a head wound was upgraded to critical and was transported by Air Life helicopter. I was Caley command for a while until the IC system was expanded to include a operations Chief and from then on, I was Caley Division. All patients were transported in a timely manner without incident. During the incident I received additional medical supplies from Captain Bruggenthies. Operations made sure that there were two to four ambulances available for any further victims that were extricated from the school and brought to my location. Denver Police officers did in fact bring out numerous young adults with no physical injuries and set up an area in the back yard of

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a residence in the culdesac to be interviewed by Police and to be consoled by victim assistance personnel.

When the incident was coming to a conclusion and all the victims from the school were cared for and transported to the hospital, Lieutenant Stern and myself were ordered to respond to Station 13, a crew from Rural Metro helped transport us and all our supplies. Caley division was dissolved.

John Schefcik  
Paramedic Lieutenant  
Littleton Fire Dept.  
Assigned to R-18

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April 28, 1999

On April 20, 1999 I was E.M.T. / Driver on Rescue 18. We were dispatched to an incident of shooting at Columbine High School with possible multiple victims. Upon arrival we staged on Pierce and were almost immediately sent to Caley and Yukon to a report of possible shooting victim. Upon arrival at Caley and Yukon we found multiple (possibly 15) gunshot victims. Many of which were in critical condition. I was assigned to assist with triage and to transport a victim.

Pt. #1 Mark Taylor, 16 year old male suffered 5 penetrating wounds. 2 to the chest, bilaterally, midaxillary. 1 to the left leg (groin area). 2 to the right arm (apparently entrance and exit) Pt. was AAOX1 (name) and skins were pale, cool, and clammy. Pt. was immobilized on a backboard and loaded via gurney to Rescue 18. Enroute pt was administered high flow O2 via mask, pt had a clear airway and did not need adjunct. A few attempts at establishing an IV failed and pt was placed in the trendelenburg position. HEENT, CTL, Chest, Abd., Pelvis, and all long bones - to DCAPBTLS except where noted above. Pupils were equal but slow to react. Breath sounds were wet on right side. Neuros were equal but motor skills were weak when attainable (AAOX1). All wounds were bandaged and all attempts to keep pt talking and alert were made. Pt. did not lose consciousness enroute. Pt. was transferred to University ER for further eval and treatment.

Patrick Brandon

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DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

May 11, 1999

TO: K.S. Caldwell, Assistant Chief, Operations  
FROM: Rex C. King, Assistant Chief, Vacations *R.K.*  
SUBJECT: Time Line for DFD Response to Columbine High School

At a few minutes after 1200 hours Truck 28 and Chief 7 were requested to respond to Columbine High School. The request was made by an officer with the Denver Police Department, who was apparently on scene. The request was to use the aerial for rescue and/or entry to the second floor of Columbine High. Truck 28 staged at W. Bowles & S. Pierce with a squirt from West Metro.

I spoke to Captain DeManna with Denver Police, he was unable to determine who had requested our apparatus or the location of the Command Post. I located Fire Operations Officer from Littleton Fire and informed him we were on scene. Truck 28 was assigned to a fire attack group.

Shortly afterward Paramedic Todd Parsons, DHMC, who was coordinating Triage, requested eight additional firefighters to assist with triage and to be placed on ambulances. I requested two more Denver apparatus from dispatch. Engine 30 and Truck 25 were sent to the incident, both apparatus parked at Bowles and Pierce. The crews reported to Triage and were assigned to patient interviews or placed on ambulances in staging. Chief Berg of West Metro and the Fire Operations Officer were informed as these actions were taken.

DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

May 11, 1999

TO: Gene Nagle, Captain, Littleton Fire Department

THROUGH: Frederick J. Roberts, Division Chief, Operations *FJR*

FROM: K S Caldwell, Assistant Chief, Operations Division *KSC*

SUBJECT: Columbine High School Incident

Attached is some additional information concerning our participation in the Columbine incident.

I discussed the initiation of our involvement with Lt. Jerry Winters, the officer assigned to Dispatch on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He states that the initial call for fire department assistance came from one of the police dispatchers, who received the request from a DPD officer on scene. Fire dispatchers sent Truck 28 and Chief 7 (D07), as our protocol requires a District Chief to respond with the apparatus to all "assist police" calls.

I think Chief Rex King's letter accurately addresses our actions from that point forward, with the exception of my arrival and participation. Again by protocol our Division Chief is paged any time companies are dispatched outside the City. Division Roberts asked me to report to the scene and assist Chief King as needed. After reporting to Rex, we determined that I would work with Paramedic Parsons in Triage coordinating the use of fire resources at that location and Rex would remain at the Fire Command Post for communications purposes.

If we may be of further assistance I can be reached at the Operations Division  
(303) 640-3438

# Fire Agency Incident Report

Incident #: 99-018804  
 Alarm Response #: 1999-030307  
 Response Date: 4/20/99 12:26:05  
 Priority: 4 No Emergencies  
 Incident Name: 04201999-00181226  
 Call Number #: 04201999-00181226

Unit/Station: Denver Fire Department  
 Division: 4  
 Battalion: District 7  
 Station: District 7  
 Dispatch: District 7  
 Alarm: Alarm Public  
 Problem: Alarm Public

Location Name: COLUMBIANE HIGH SCHOOL  
 Address: 6301 Pierce St S  
 Apartment:   
 Building:   
 City, State, Zip: Columbine CDP Co 80123  
 County:   
 Location Type:   
 Cross Street: FAIR DR W/PAK AVE W

Vehicle Assigned  
 Alarm Number: 1999-018804  
 Assigned: 12:29:24  
 Arrived: 12:31:56  
 Departed: 12:34:51  
 P10: 1999-030307  
 Response: 12:46:09  
 P30: 1999-030303  
 Response: 13:31:54  
 T25: 1999-030334  
 Response: 13:37:23

Method Of Call Received: 911/7-Two Line Direct  
 Caller Bank Phone:   
 Caller Type:   
 Caller Name:   
 Caller Lot Name: DPD  
 Phone Pick Up: 4/20/99 12:26:05  
 1st Call Taking Key Stk: 4/20/99 12:26:05  
 Call Entered Queue: 4/20/99 12:27:57  
 Call Taking Completed: 4/20/99 12:27:57  
 1st Unit Assigned: 4/20/99 12:29:03  
 1st Unit Enroute: 4/20/99 12:29:09  
 1st Unit Arrived: 4/20/99 12:34:51

Call Received To In-Queue: 0:00:01:53  
 Call Received To Call Taking Done: 0:00:01:06  
 In-Queue To 1st Answer: 0:00:01:06  
 Call Received To 1st Assign: 0:00:00:06  
 Assigned To 1st Answer: 0:00:00:06  
 Enroute To 1st Arrive: 0:00:05:42  
 Call Received To Call Cleared: 0:04:46:46  
 Call Cleared: 4/20/99 11:12:49  
 Sent To Other CAD:   
 Call Taking By: Leon, Andrew  
 Call Cleared By: Interface Machine 1  
 Call Channel:   
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 Call Dispatcher:   
 Call Dispatcher By: Interface Machine 1  
 Cancel Reason:   
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1999-030307	12:29:03	12:29:09	12:34:51	16:28:23		
1999-030311	12:46:09			12:51:56		
1999-030303	13:31:54	13:36:03	13:39:42	16:26:18		
1999-030334	13:37:23	13:46:13	13:55:28	16:41:49		

Comments:  
 4/20/99 12:41:23 All Response  
 4/20/99 12:42:29 All Response  
 4/20/99 13:44:09 All Response  
 Date: 5/20/99 Time: 15:29:03 Operator: JWH Program: Edit/Ignore Incident Number: 99-018804 Page: 1



## Officer Statement

April 29, 1999

Lt. Laura Vetos  
Englewood Fire Department

Prepared For Littleton Fire Department  
Regarding Columbine High School Tragedy, April 20, 1999

12:00 – First aware of shooting at high school while enroute to a fire call  
13:00 – Asked to man station 12 in Littleton, turned back once we arrived and asked to respond from our district  
13:30 – Called out on SWAT activation  
14:15 – Arrive Columbine High School on West Side near Library

Once on scene, my job as a medic for the SWAT team is to accompany them on any duties assigned, and provide medical help should it be required. Especially related to entry and possible victims trapped in unsecured areas or downed law enforcement personnel.

At the high school we began by assisting students and teachers being evacuated out to waiting transportation. We then assisted Littleton fire with loading a wounded girl out of the library. We then helped secure the outside of the Gymnasium as there was a possibility of shots fired shortly before that. Denver SWAT came through the door shortly after that.

We then made entry into the Library when asked to help with another patient. Once in the Library we were told all victims were dead and asked to evacuate. At that time we went down the outside stairs and placed a sheet over the dead male student lying there. We also finished covering the dead female student near the Littleton fire engine. We could see another student dead inside the west side double doors near the Library. It was obvious there had been a semi-automatic 9mm weapon used. I saw as well shotgun and 223 bullets strewn about the exterior. There were backpacks, shoes and various clothing strewn about from the stairs to the entrance we manned on the NW corner of the Library.

After that we assisted with placing police tape, digging out the Littleton engine and car search. I left at that time as I was need as a fire officer back in our district.

cc: Kieth Lockwood, Division Chief, Englewood Fire  
Gary Condreay, SWAT team commander, Englewood Police

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David Watson  
04/29/99 01:37 PM

To: david watson  
cc:

Subject: Columbine Shooting April 20, 1999

On April 20 Englewood Rescue 21 was dispatched to Columbine High School at 1216 hours to provide transport for possible

shooting victims at that location. We were instructed to stage at the intersection of Coal Mine and Pierce and await instructions.

Due to the traffic conditions at the time we were routed to the intersection of Bowles and Pierce and arrived at approximately

1235 hours. After several minutes at that location we were directed to proceed south on Pierce to stage with the ambulances

on location. At 1308 hours an officer from the Arapahoe County Sheriffs Dept. directed us to proceed 200 yards south to

Fair and Pierce (just to the North of Leawood Park). We stayed at this location for the next 3.5 hours acting as a Triage/

First Aid station.

We examined the Vice Principal and several counselors when they were brought out of the school. Richard Edison, the

Paramedic aboard R-21, made sure no one was injured and then had them interviewed by S.W.A.T. for any relevant info as

to the location of children hiding in the building.

Late in the afternoon, around 1620 hours, R-21 transported the Denver trauma Doc., a Littleton Capt. and driver to the rear

of the school. The Doc. was going to enter the school and officially call the victims. The S.W.A.T. team leader declined entry

due to the live bombs and booby traps in the building and especially the Library.

Someone finally cleared the entry and the Doc. entered the school.

At this time Edison and myself were cleared to return to Englewood. Prior to our departure we ran into Lt. Vetos, a S W A.T.

medic from Englewood and gave her a ride back to Jefferson Station. We arrived back in our district at 1700 hours.

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Sheridan Fire Dept

Dispatch Date 04/20/1999

Incident No 99-000348 Onset Date 04/20/1999 Shift A

**Times**  
Dispatch Notified 11:30:00  
Unit Enroute 11:30:00  
Arrived Scene 11:48:00  
At Scene 02:35:00  
Enroute Dest 14:20:00  
Arrived Dest 14:35:00  
Back in Service 16:00:00  
ALS Arrival  
Loaded Miles 7.00  
Total Miles 10.00

Address Rm Dispatched For  
9 PIERCE Rm  
Littleton, CO 80123  
Dispatched For AMBULANCE STAND BY  
Response Code to Scene 2 Non-emergency  
Lights & Siren to Scene? No Lights & Siren from Scene? No  
Highest Experience Level at Scene Mutual Aid  
B EMT-B None  
Chief Complaint L ANKLE, CTL PAIN, ABD PAIN

Name KYLER, ADAM Sex Male DOB 06/24/1982 Age 16 yrs 10 mos  
Address [REDACTED] City Littleton State CO Zip 80123 Phone [REDACTED]  
Patient Prior Medical History Factors Affecting EMS Care Prior EMS Care Given Safety Equip Worn by Patient

**Injury/Illness Detail**

Type	Area	Severity	Primary Symptom	Job Rel?
7 Pain	30 Neck (excluding C-Spine)	1 Non-incapacitating/Minor	16 Pain	N/A

**Procedures Performed**

**Medications Administered**

Time	Procedure	Staff Id	Success?	Time	Medication	Staff Id	Dosage
14:20	A0360 BLS Response	BR	Y				
14:20	A0422 Oxygen	BR	Y				
14:20	BB Backboard Spinal Immobilization	BR	Y				
14:20	CC Cervical Immobilization (Collar)	BR	Y				

**Vitals**

Time	Pulse	Resp	Temp	BP	ECG Rhythm	GCS	RTS	Skin Parameters	L Pupil	R Pupil	Skin Perf.	Resp Effort
	88	16	98.60	120/ 70		15	12	Norm/Pink/Warm	Norm	Norm	Norm	Normal
	88	16	98.60	134 88		15	12	Norm/Pink/Warm	Norm	Norm	Norm	Normal

\* Denotes Blood Pressure Reading by Palpation

(P)osture: 1=Supine 2=Sitting 3=Standing 4=Prone

**Narrative**

RESPONDED TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR AMBULANCE STAND BY. U/A PLACED ON STAND-BY. WE WERE BROUGHT TO PT SITTING ON GROUND. PT WAS AMBULATORY PTA. PT NOW C/O ABD PAIN LOWER R ABD PAIN RADIATING ALL OVER, CTL PAIN AND R ANKLE. PT STATES THAT HE WAS STRUCK BY A CHAIR (HE SAID THAT HE RAN INTO IT CAUSING ABD PAIN).

U/E PT HEENT-, CHEST/BACK-, ABD PAIN IN LOWER R QUAD RADIATING ALL OVER NO DISCOLORATION OR DEFORMITY, CTL PAIN MID LINE W/ NO DISCOLORATION OR DEFORMITY, PELVIS-, LOWER EXT- L ANKLE NOTICE NO DISCOLORATION OR DEFORMITY, UPPER EXT NEG.

PT RX LSB, C/C, H/D, VITALS, 1 AND 2. PT TX TO LITTLETON HOSPITAL W/O SIG CHG OR INCIDENT. PT AND VERBAL REPORT TURNED OVER TO LITTLETON STAFF.

**Responding Personnel**

Staff Id	Name/Rank	Unit	Position	P
BR	RIBBLE, BRIAN J/Firefighter	R51		1
SP	PADILLA, SHELDON/Firefighter EMT	R51		1

\* Denotes Driver

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Date: 04/29/99  
Time: 08:12

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE  
Basic Incident Report

Page: 1  
[rptinc]

incident number : 00001-99-034891-00      date: 04/20/99      shift: A  
time of call : 11:28      arrival: 01:35      in service: 22:28  
situation found : 320      MEDICAL ASSIST  
action taken : 90      ACTION TAKEN NOT CLASSIFIED  
method received : 14      TELEPHONE TO DISPATCH THROUGH 911  
correct location: 6201 S PIERCE ST      apt: --  
addl location :      bldg id: \*\*\*\*  
zip code : 80125      map: S-18      census:  
city code : 0      NONE  
county code : 0      UNKNOWN  
fixed prop use : 215      HIGH SCHOOL  
1st due station : 13      LFD STATION 13  
number of alarms: 1      response: EMERGENT      mutual aid: 2      dow: 3 TUESDAY  
reporting member: dpb      DOUG BLOOMQUIST  
firefighter injuries: 0      citizen injuries: 22  
firefighter deaths : 0      citizen deaths : 15

\*\* INCIDENT NARRATIVE \*\*

RE. IED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS ON A REPORTED SHOOTING WITH MULTIPLE VICTIMS AT COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL. MY PRIMARY ROLE ON SCENE WAS TO ASSIST LFD COMMAND WITH LOGISTICS AND B32'S VEHICLE WAS USED AS THE PRIMARY FIRE AND EMS COMMAND POST. R32, R35, AND R37 WERE ALSO ORDERED TO THE SCENE. R32 AND R37 PRIMARY ROLE WAS TO BRING WATER TO ON SCENE CREWS AND THEN TO STANDBY IN STAGING IN CASE NEEDED FOR TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS - NIETHER RESCUE TRANSPORTED. R35 STOOD BY IN STAGING FOR MOST OF INCIDENT AND ALSO DID NOT TRANSPORT. R35 WAS ORDERED INTO HOT ZONE BY POLICE AND FIRE COMMAND TO CONFIRM DEAD IN LIBRARY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL. FOR FURTHER DETAILS REFER TO LFD'S INCIDENT REPORT.

Unit	Capability	Dispatch	Respond	On Scene	To Hosp	At Hosp	In Serv
E13	00 UNDEFINED	11:32:00	11:32:00	19:05:00			00:22:00
S16	00 UNDEFINED	17:20:00	17:20:00	17:30:00			00:49:00
R23	00 UNDEFINED	12:19:00	17:16:00	17:16:00			17:16:00
AMR	00 UNDEFINED	12:04:00	17:14:00	17:14:00			17:14:00
AMR	00 UNDEFINED	12:04:00	12:05:00	17:14:00			17:14:00
AMR	00 UNDEFINED	11:44:00	17:14:00	17:14:00			17:14:00
R37	00 UNDEFINED	14:51:00	17:09:00	17:09:00			17:09:00
R35	00 UNDEFINED	12:24:00	16:27:00	16:27:00			16:27:00
HM37	00 UNDEFINED	12:48:00	12:58:00	13:13:00			22:28:00
S12	00 UNDEFINED	12:38:00	12:38:00	12:38:00			16:55:00
S16	00 UNDEFINED	12:29:00	12:30:00	12:37:00			16:50:00
R101	00 UNDEFINED	12:19:00	12:24:00	12:24:00			12:24:00
AMR	00 UNDEFINED	12:04:00	12:17:00	12:17:00			17:14:00

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R11	00	UNDEFINED	11:30:00	11:31:00	11:36:00	02:09:00
E11	00	UNDEFINED	11:30:00	11:31:00	11:36:00	01:35:00
B1	00	UNDEFINED	11:30:00	11:32:00	11:34:00	00:49:00
HM37	00	UNDEFINED	09:26:00	09:36:00	09:36:00	09:36:00
HR35	00	UNDEFINED	18:21:00	18:53:00	06:44:00	06:44:00
R13	00	UNDEFINED	11:30:00	11:31:00	02:11:00	02:11:00
TRNG10	00	UNDEFINED	11:47:00	11:47:00	01:35:00	01:35:00

REPORT REVIEWED BY:  
DOUG BLOOMQUIST ON 04/25/99 (APPROVED)

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incident number: 00001-99-034891-00 incident date: 04/20/99 time of call: 11:28  
report author : TOM CREWS

\*\* SUPPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE \*\*

HM-37 RESPONDED TO INCIDENT, U/A HM-37 SET UP TRIAGE IN NORTH PARKING LOT. HM-37 EVALUATED STUDENTS COMING FROM INSIDE THE SCHOOL AND HELPED WITH IDENTIFICATION OF STUDENTS AND GETTING STUDENTS TO THEIR FAMILYS. HM-37 WAS REASSIGNED TO STAGING AT WEAVER/PIERCE. HM-37 SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT FOR THE INCIDENT. HM-37 RELEASED FROM INCIDENT AROUND 22:30HR HM-37 IN SERVICE.

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report author : CRAIG O'CONNELL

\*\* SUPPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE \*\*

WHILE ON STANDBY FOR LITTLETON FIRE DEPT AT ST. 11 WE WERE ASSIGNED TO DELIVER EXTRA RADIOS AND BATTERIES TO FIRE COMMAND AT PIERCE AND LEAWOOD. RECEIVED RADIOS FROM ROBIN COON, DELIVERED EMERGENT TO SCENE. AFTER ARRIVAL AT COMMAND R37 WAS REASSIGNED TO AMB ROTATION ON PIERCE. R37 STOOD BY WITHOUT ACTIVATION OR XPORT.

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report author : KEVIN COLLIER

\*\* SUPPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE \*\*

After clearing from a diabetic reaction on S. Kendall I was told by Control One to stay near Columbine High. We responded to the ambulance staging area at Pierce and Bowles. I was later contacted by Chief 30 To go get bottled water to supply the crews. We reported to the Phar Mor at Pierce and Coal Mine road. The water was brought back to the command center. We were placed back in staging now closer to the school on Pierce. We were assigned a Police officer from Denver to cover us incase we had to enter scene. We were never used and were released from scene.

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report author : KEN RUBIN

\*\* SUPPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE \*\*

SOUTH METRO FIRE/RESCUE 35 RESPONDED TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL CODE 3 AFTER A TIE LINE REQUEST FROM SOUTH METRO DISPATCH FOR THE RESCUE TO RESPOND TO A SHOOTING IN PROGRESS AT THE SCHOOL. KEN RUBIN/ATTENDING FIRE/PARAMEDIC. DAVE ZUDE/DRIVER/FIRE/PARAMEDIC TECH.

UPON ARRIVAL AT SCENE SOUTH METRO RESCUE 35 WAS DIRECTED TO THE FORWARD MEDICAL STAGING AREA WHERE THE RESCUE WAS THIRD IN LINE TO RESPOND INTO THE SCENE, ONE BLOCK AWAY. RESCUE 35 CREW MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON AN ONGOING BASIS BY MEDICAL COMMAND ON ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT. BRIEFING INCLUDED POSSIBLE NUMBER OF VICTIMS, SEVERITY OF INJURIES, HOSPITAL DESIGNATIONS AND DANGERS OF ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL. WE WERE ADVISED THAT THE SCHOOL WAS NOT SECURED WITH NUMEROUS SHOOTERS STILL ACTIVE. ALSO ADVISED THAT SOME VICTIMS MAY BE WIRED WITH EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES MAY BE PLANTED THRU OUT THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

THE 2 FIRE RESCUES IN LINE IN FRONT OF SOUTH METRO RESCUE 35 WERE ASSIGNED AND DEPLOYED TO THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL LEAVING RESCUE 35 NEXT UP. AFTER A LENGTHY WAITING PERIOD 2 DENVER POLICE VEHICLES DROVE TO THE STAGING AREA AT A RAPID RATE OF SPEED AND INFORMED THE COMMANDING OFFICER THAT 2 PARAMEDIC RESCUES WERE NEEDED AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY. SOUTH METRO RESCUE 35 RESPONDED TO THIS REQUEST WITH A DENVER HEALTH AMBULANCE FOLLOWING BEHIND. WE WERE ESCORTED TO THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL BY THE 2 DENVER POLICE VEHICLES.

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL WE WERE MET BY A SWAT TEAM THAT WAS TAKING COVER AND INVOLVED IN AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION. WE WERE ADVISED TO TAKE COVER AND WAS TOLD THAT THIS TEAM WAS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE ENTRY THRU A REAR DOOR THAT LED TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. THERE WERE 2 DEAD STUDENTS ON THE SIDEWALK. RUBIN AND ZUDE TOOK COVER BEHIND THE SCHOOL GENERATOR WITH 4 SWAT TEAM MEMBERS AT OUR SIDE. WE HAD A PRAM AND A SCOOP STRETCHER FOR RAPID EVACUATION. THE FORWARD SWAT MEMBERS WERE MAKING ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AND AFTER A SHORT WAITING PERIOD THE SWAT TEAM LEADER RAN OUT OF THE LIBRARY AND YELLED THAT THEY NEEDED "ALL MEDICS NOW".

PARAMEDICS RUBIN AND ZUDE ENTERED THE LIBRARY WITH OTHER SWAT TEAM MEMBERS AND A WEST METRO FIRE/PARAMEDIC CREW THAT WAS ALSO ON SCENE. WEST METRO MEDICS WERE DIRECTED TO A SALVAGABLE PATIENT WHO THEY WERE REMOVING FROM THE SCENE WITH THE HELP OF DENVER HEALTH MEDICS. AFTER PASSING NUMEROUS DEAD STUDENTS I ASKED THE SWAT TEAM LEADER WHERE THE SOUTH RESCUE 35 MEDICS WERE NEEDED. HE POINTED TO AN AREA WHERE THERE WERE MANY VICTIMS DOWN WITH UNKNOWN STATUS. RUBIN AND ZUDE DECIDED TO SPLIT UP BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS DOWN IN THE LIBRARY, 3 ON OUR COUNT WITH 2 MORE ON THE SIDEWALK. RUBIN AND ZUDE TRIAGED AND ACCESSED EACH DOWNED STUDENT IN THE LIBRARY AREA. EACH HAD SUFFERED MULTIPLE GUN SHOOT WOUNDS WITH LARGE CALIBER WEAPONS. MANY VICTIMS HAD CLOSE RANGE HEAD AND FACE SHOTS LEAVING THEM DEAD AND UNSALVAGABLE. WE REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO THE SWAT TEAM COMMANDER THEN TO MEDICAL COMMAND AND LEFT THE STRUCTURE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOUTH

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METRO RESCUE 35 CREW MEMBERS DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO NOT DISTURB THE CRIME SCENE WHILE STILL EFFECTIVELY EVALUATING AND TRIAGING EACH VICTIM.

RESCUE 35 WAS REASSIGNED BRIEFLY TO THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL THEN WENT IN SERVICE AND RETURNED TO SERVICE IN OUR FIRST DUE DISTRICT.

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FIRST RESPONDERS

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Avendano, J.

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Denver Police Department  
**STATEMENT**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <b>AVENDANO, JESSE A.</b>		MAKING STATEMENT IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> WITNESS <input type="checkbox"/> PERSON ADVISED		
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
RESIDENCE PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE <b>964-1106</b>	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	DATE OF BIRTH/SERIAL NO. <b>94032</b>	
BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS <b>2195 Decatur Street</b>	CITY <b>Denver</b>	COUNTY <b>Denver</b>	STATE <b>CO</b>	ZIP CODE <b>80211</b>
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT	SERIAL NO.	DATE <b>4/21/99</b>	TIME <b>9:33 AM</b>	
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT AT <b>COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL</b>		LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <b>DISTRICT ONE</b>		

On 04-20-99 at 1245 hours, while working car 1147 in a plain clothes capacity with Officer Danny R. Wiley #94002, we responded to Bowles and pierce on a shooting that occurred at Columbine High School. R/Os responded to the Denver Command Post and later to the area of Leewood and Pierce Street to assist with the Columbine students that were rescued.


R/O was later assigned to DHMC ambulance #11. R/O along with ambulance #11 to the Southwest corner of the High School where R/O observed two a Female and Male body near the Library section of the school. R/O entered the corridor area that led to the computer room adjacent to the library and stood by as my assigned paramedics checked for any injured parties in the library area. R/O and R/Os assigned paramedics returned to the command post area and were later relieved to go home at approximately 1645 hours.

*I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.*

04/21/99  
Date

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10:10 H.L.S.  
Time Statement Completed

 #94032  
Signature of person making statement

BARRETT, D.

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

(Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>BARRETT, DANIEL D.</b>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone <b>303 937 4444</b>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <b>86052</b>	
Business Street Address <b>2100 S. CLAY ST</b>		City <b>DEN</b>	County <b>DEN</b>	State <b>CO</b>	Zip Code <b>80219</b>
Officer Taking Statement <b>D. BARRETT</b>		Serial No. <b>86052</b>	Date <b>4-20-99</b>	Time <b>1820</b>	Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at: <b>COLUMBINE HS - 6200 S PIERCE</b>			Location where statement taken: <b>2100 S-CLAY ST</b>		

Summary of Statement:


AT 11:37 I WAS WORKING CAR 435 AT  
BELLVIEW AND WADSWORTH. RADIO ADVISED JEFFCO  
CALLED FOR HELP AT COLUMBINE HS. WHERE  
THEY WERE WORK FIRE

I RESPONDED CAR 10 AND ARRIVED A  
FEW MOMENTS LATER. I MET WITH SEVERAL  
OFFICERS FROM JEFFCO AND ADVISED RADIO  
WE NEEDED MORE OFFICERS.

AFTER LT RYAN SET CURTOW AND ADDITIONAL  
OFFICERS ARRIVED WE WERE DEPLOYED AROUND  
THE SCHOOL. I SET UP AT PIERCE AND  
FAR. I REMAINED THERE UNTIL RELIEF BY  
OFFICER FULLER FROM TRAFFIC AT APPROXIMATELY  
1755.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Date  AM  PM  
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Signature of Person Making Statement





DEPEW, WAYNE

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Last, First, Middle (initial) <u>Depeu Wayne C</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
Residence Street Address	City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone ( ) ( )	Business Phone ( ) ( )	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>71113</u>
Business Street Address <u>2100 So. Clay</u>	City <u>Denver</u>	County <u>Denver</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement <u>W.C. Depeu</u>	Serial No. <u>71113</u>	Date <u>04-20-99</u>	Time <u>1750</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>Columbine High School</u>		Location where statement taken: <u>Dist 4</u>		

Summary of Statement:

I received a page from my son, Matthew Depeu, at 11:30 AM. I was at H.Q., I.D. Bureau. My son stated over the page, "Dad, shots are being fired. There are two people with guns shooting people, please hurry."

I drove code 10 to the area, pulled through the park, went to the WEST side of the school, shots were being fired on the school towards a Jefferson Co. Sheriff officer, 20 kids were hiding behind his vehicle. I had 6 kids climb into my vehicle, opened the trunk another few, 8 climbed in. One of the boys gave me the following. One suspect's name was Eric Harris, the other was Devin something, Devin was wearing a trench coat, both had hand guns, one with a assault weapon, the other had a shot gun. They were shooting everyone, I aired the information. I had this boy back my police car up with the kids, I went to assist the SWAT officers at the scene. I took the inner perimeter at

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Signature of Person Making Statement



Summary of Statement (cont.) the northwest corner of the building with Tech. O'Neill. There were two dead girls lying next to the west door. I saw a white panel van with the keys in it. I was going to use the van to attempt a rescue of the down two kids. The back doors were locked, I smashed open the rear doors, started to pull the van around to the girls. Officers at the scene advised that a male party was on the roof. This was the repair man, who owned the van. I pulled the van up to the building, we had this man jump from the roof to the top of the van. I pulled away from the building, had the repair man, (to safety) run to the command post. Radio stated that SWAT officers were moving up with a FIRE Pump for cover to rescue the two downed students. I left the van back to the corner of the Building.

Four other people ran from the school taking cover behind the Jefferson Co. officers vehicle. Sgt. Orton, myself, Sgt. O'Shea got in a vehicle, pulled up to the vehicle, loaded the four people, drove them to the command post. We went back to the building, taking up positions. Other kids came out, my son were with them. I went to the command post with him. He gave me the following information, that the suspects were using flash bangs, that one had

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WC Defew 7113  
Signature of Person Making Statement

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

(Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>efew Wayne C</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
Residence Street Address	City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone ( )	Business Phone ( )	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>71113</u>
Business Street Address	City	County	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement <u>W.C. DePew</u>	Serial No. <u>71113</u>	Date <u>4-20-99</u>	Time <u>1750</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>Columbine H.S.</u>		Location where statement taken: <u>DIST #F</u>		

**Summary of Statement:**

a Remington pump shot gun. This information was relayed to Det. Alex Woods. My son further stated that the suspect were not at school that morning, saw them walk into the school and starting firing. He gave information that the two suspects hung around, under a bridge at So. Kendall and Beaver ST. I gave this information to Capt Sandoral, we sent me to the area for a search along with Sgt. Pete Diaz. We searched the area, found a plastic, 1 liter bottle which was blown apart by a unknown substance. It was bagged and taken by officer G. Blas. We went back to the command post.

I walked through the park area to retrieve my police unit. After being on that side of the school, I entered the library area, saw 3 students (male) shot and dead, 1 female student. The two suspects were laying side by side dead with weapons. I left the area.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

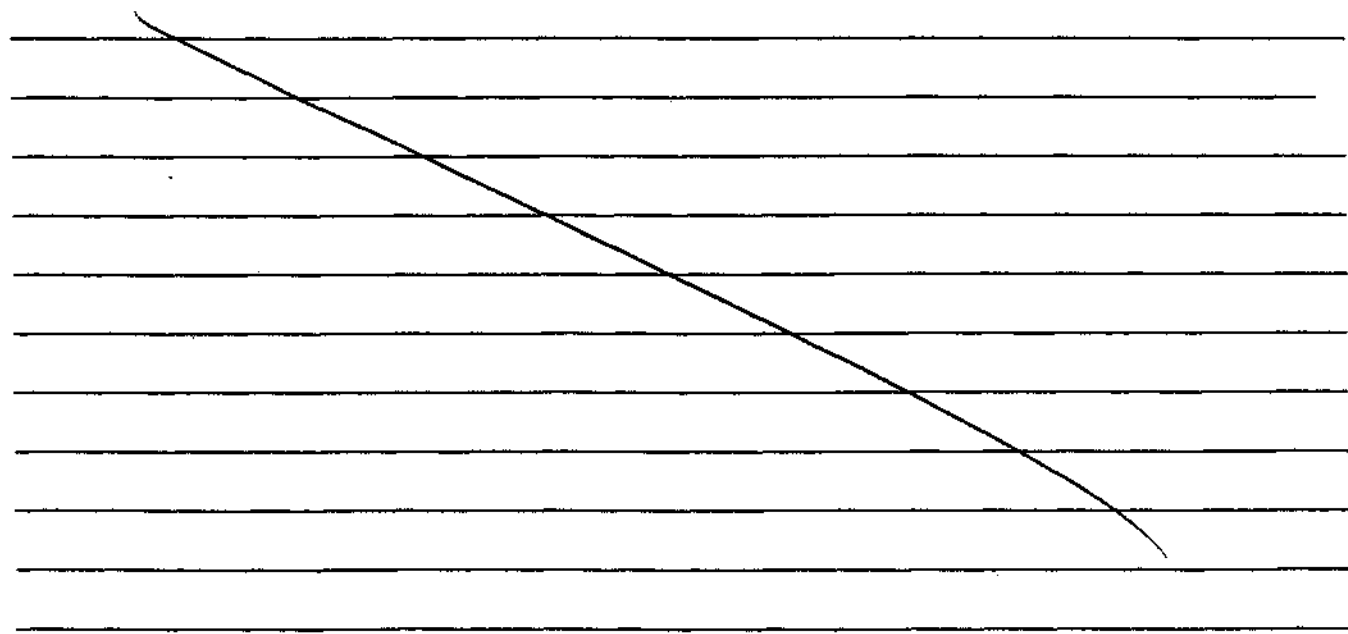
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Summary of Statement (cont.) back to the command post. I retrieve my son and left the area.

After the search of the bridge area, we stopped at 6281 So. Kendall St to check on Officer Tom O'Neill's son, who was at home. He knew the suspects brought out a yearbook, I.D'd the suspect's, Eric Harris, Delvin KenKobe. He stated that the Delvin party lived south of Ken Carl, didn't know the address. He stated that this party had dated a girl by the name of Jessica Huges and her phone number. This information was relayed to investigative Detectives at the command post.



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Signature of Person Making Statement

Control Number 3905

**WITNESS.** WAYNE DEPEW, Patrol Officer, Denver Police Department,  
District 4, Denver, Colorado, (303) 937-4444

**INTERVIEWER:** Agent JERRY W MEANS, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, 690  
Kipling Street, Denver, Colorado, 80215, (303) 239-4211.

**DATE/TIME OF  
INTERVIEWS:** August 11, 1999

**PLACE OF  
INTERVIEW** District 4 offices, Denver, Colorado

**ASSIGNMENT  
SYNOPSIS.**

The Reporting Agent conducted an interview with Denver Police Officer, Wayne DEPEW. Officer DEPEW stated he was working in unit #412 on the day of the shooting. He stated he was at Denver Police Headquarters when he heard his name on another officer's radio. He stated he received a page from his son, Mathew DEPEW at or near the same time he heard his name called out on the radio. He stated he also began to hear about the shooting in general on the radios. DEPEW stated he called his pager system and heard his son's frantic voice stating there was someone shooting people at the school. He stated his son was in the lunchroom when the shooting began. He stated his son had been interviewed, however, he felt a more in-depth interview should be conducted. He stated he thought the initial page from his son was at approximately 11 27 a.m.

Officer DEPEW responded from headquarters to Columbine high school with Sargent GREEN and Officer Ken LARITA. He stated he believed they arrived at the school at approximately 11 50 a.m. DEPEW stated they stopped briefly at the command post on Pierce Street, and he saw several SWAT officers preparing to respond into the area. He stated he asked one of the SWAT officers for his assault rifle, but the SWAT member told him no. DEPEW stated he, Sargent GREEN, and Officer LARITA drove on towards the school. He stated they drove around the north side of the school and, towards the football fields and ended up parking approximately 30 feet west of a Jefferson County patrol car. He stated the Jefferson County vehicle was located up on the hillside, straight west of the west side entry doors to the school. He stated one Jefferson County Deputy was crouched down behind that

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vehicle and several students were hiding behind the vehicle with him. DEPEW stated he guided the students to his patrol car and started loading them inside. He stated he even put kids in the trunk of the vehicle, and then gave his patrol car keys to a male student and told him to drive the car out of the area. DEPEW stated he had briefly questioned the male student he had given his keys to and the student told him he saw Eric HARRIS and another kid named Darren or Derrick shooting up the school. DEPEW stated the male student stated he only saw the two suspects he described and no one else. The male student stated Harris was wearing a light colored shirt and dark pants and the other shooter was wearing a black trench coat. The male student told DEPEW the two shooters were carrying assault weapons and shotguns, and he thought they might be wearing some sort of vests. DEPEW stated he aired that information on Tac-4 radio

DEPEW stated he decided to try and get in closer to the school after the male student drove his car away from the area with the other students loaded inside. He stated he ran down to the northwest corner of the fenced area that extended around the generator equipment. He stated he saw a boy and a girl lying on the ground near the west entry doors to the school. He stated the female student appeared to be dead, however, the other student was moving his or her arms. He stated he was unsure the student that was moving was male or female, but he was certain the dead student was a girl. He stated when he eventually worked his way around the north side of the fenced area and ended up on the northwest corner of the school building. He stated Denver Officer Tom ONEAL was at that location when he arrived. DEPEW stated there was a large white maintenance type van near the northwest corner and so he thought he could use it as a pickup vehicle and shield for trapped students. He stated he attempted to open the back doors but they were locked. DEPEW stated the keys to the vehicle were in the ignition. He stated he got inside and attempted to force the rear doors open. He stated he then started the vehicle and began to back away from the school towards the north. He stated he saw a maintenance man on the roof of the school, above the northwest corner as he was backing away. DEPEW stated he immediately pulled the van up to the school so the maintenance man could jump onto the roof of the vehicle. He stated the vehicle was damaged when he hit the side of the building, however, he did not know the extent. He again backed the vehicle to the north with the maintenance man on the roof and stopped the vehicle near the tennis courts. He stated he noticed a large dark colored backpack on the sidewalk north of the tennis courts after he had parked in that area.

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DEPEW stated he then noticed a large fire truck driving around the north side of the school from the northeast corner. He stated there were several law enforcement officers towards the rear of the vehicle. DEPEW stated Officer Vince DIMANNA joined himself and Officer ONEAL at the northwest corner. He stated he watched the fire truck continue around the north side of the school towards the northwest corner. He stated the truck turned around and backed into the area where the west entry doors to the school were located. DEPEW stated Officer DIMANNA joined the fire truck crew and approached the west entry doors with a large shield. He stated DIMANNA was on the left and Officer FALLEN was on the right side. DEPEW stated he saw Officer FALLEN pick up the student that had been moving her or her arms and carried them away from the school. He stated the entire group backed out together and the female that appeared to be dead was left in that area. He stated the officers that had approached the west entry doors were getting fired upon, and he remembered seeing debris coming out the west door towards them. He stated he saw several of the officers return fire into the west door, and also lay down suppression fire towards the south entryway wall. He stated approximately 2 minutes later he saw the same group of officers attempt to approach the west doorway again. He stated that on the second entry the officers were able to move the female away from the west doors.

DEPEW met with Sargent ORTON near the northwest corner of the building. He stated Sargent ORTON had a 223 rifle in his vehicle. DEPEW stated he got in the back of Sargent ORTONS vehicle and pointed the 223 out the side towards the school while they drove back up the hill to the Jefferson County patrol car. He stated Officer OSHEA was also in the vehicle with them. He stated they had to rescue 4 more victims in that area. He stated they loaded 3 adults and 1 juvenile into Sargent ORTONS Dodge Dakota and they transported those individuals to the command post. He stated while they were in route one of the adult victims stated the shooters had killed all the kids in the cafeteria. DEPEW stated he was devastated because that is where his son had told him he was at. DEPEW stated after the 4 victims were taken to safety, he ORTON and OSHEA returned to the northwest corner of the school.

He stated he gave ORTON back his 223 rifle. DEPEW stated that while he and the other officers were waiting on the northwest corner he heard on the Denver radio that the suspects might have escaped the area. He saw Lieutenant VESSA park the SWAT van

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where the other van he had used to rescue the man on the roof was located. Lieutenant RYAN ordered DEPEW away from the school and back to the Dakota vehicle. DEPEW stated RYAN told him to calm down because he was bouncing all over the place. DEPEW stated as he was going towards Lieutenant RYAN he saw his son, Matthew being evacuated with other students. He stated he went over to Matthew, who was hugging Lieutenant VESSA and began talking to his son. DEPEW stated VESSA told him to take his kid and get away from the scene. DEPEW stated he was very excited. DEPEW stated Sargent Doug JONES had arrived on the north side of the school a few minutes earlier in his own personal vehicle. He stated JONES owns a black Chevy truck. DEPEW and his son got in the Pick-up truck belonging to JONES and drove to the command post. He stated Matthew told him neither of the two suspects that were doing the shooting was in class earlier in the day. Matthew told his father he saw the first kid get shot, and he saw KLEYBOLD firing a weapon into the west side of the commons. He also told DEPEW he saw HARRIS on the hill. Matthew described the weapons being used by the suspects as shotguns, rifles, handguns, and some type of homemade devices (not really bombs).

DEPEW stated when he arrived back at the command post with his son they met with Officer Alex WOODS and DEPEW had his son explain the description of the weapons used. DEPEW then had his son sit down on the curb with Officer Billy PHILLIPS. DEPEW heard Matthew state that the suspects were known to hang out under bridges in the Leawood area and smoke pot. DEPEW stated he remembered hearing on the radio that the suspects may have got out of the school. He stated he then approached Captain SANDAVOL about the bridge information and was told to take some officers and check it out. DEPEW stated he, Sargent DIAZ, Officer BLAYA, and Officer Sue GRANT developed a team to search the Leawood bridges. He believed the 1<sup>st</sup> bridge they searched was near Kaylie & Weaver streets. He stated they found evidence of items being blown up that consisted of an exploded plastic bottle. He stated they collected the bottle and turned it into the Denver lab for processing. He stated the second bridge they searched was located on south Pierce & Weaver streets. Nothing was found under the second bridge. DEPEW stated they left to return to the command post and stopped by CHS student, Brett ONEAL'S house. He stated the address to the ONEAL home is 6281 N. KENDALL, and then stated that Kendall & Weaver were actually the cross streets where one of the bridges were located. Brett ONEAL provided a yearbook and both suspects photographs.

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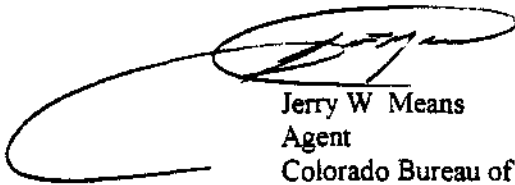
were circled. ONEAL gave the yearbook DEPEW who in-turn submitted it to the command post.

DEPEW stated Captain SANDAVOL told DEPEW to stay at the command post, and then asked him where his vehicle was. DEPEW told SANDAVOL it was still parked on the hill west of the school. SANDAVOL told DEPEW to go way around the crime scene and get his car and then come straight back to the command post. DEPEW stated he went through the park north of the school and way around the west side. He stated he found his car parked by the pump house west of the school. DEPEW stated he saw police going in and out of the west entry doors to the school. He saw them carrying a stretcher with a victim loaded on it. DEPEW stated he was curious to see what was going on inside so he walked towards the west entry doors. He stated he entered the north access doors to the library area before he got all the way to the west doors. He stated on I-call radio that he was in the area, then he went inside.

DEPEW stated when he entered the north library access door there was no one inside. He stated he saw several small Co2 canisters on the floor as he entered. He stated he also saw a Coleman propane container with duct tape and matches on the top as he was walking in the north door. DEPEW stated that as he entered the library from the north side he saw several dead students including the two suspects on the floor. He described the library to the Reporting Agent stating the first student he saw was VALASQUEZ who was on the floor between the computer tables. He remembered seeing the male student with blond hair hidden way up under the end of the computer desk. He saw Cassie BERNALL dead under a wood table. HE then stated he saw KLEYBOLD and HARRIS towards the end of the tables. DEPEW described HARRIS more towards the east and KLEYBOLD at his feet, both lying on their backs. He stated he thought about moving the weapons away from the two, however, he decided not to touch them at that time. The Reporting Agent asked DEPEW if he touched or physically moved anything in the library. DEPEW stated he did not touch anything, just walked through the area. He stated he was the only one in the library at that time. DEPEW stated he left the area and returned to his vehicle. He stated he drove to the command post and picked up Matthew. He stated he drove Matthew to ONEALS house and left him there. DEPEW stated he returned to the district 4 office and wrote his statement.

DEPEW then stated his son had received an interview that he was present for. He stated a female detective conducted the interview.

but he could not remember her name. He stated he was present for the entire interview and he was not impressed with it at all. He stated he thought she should have asked his son more in-depth questions and did not appear to him to be very knowledgeable. He asked the Reporting Agent if the backpack he described on the sidewalk north of the school had been taken as evidence and checked out. The Reporting Agent stated that he was unaware of the disposition at this time. DEPEW then stated that Denver Officer LEATS was on the phone with his son during much of the incident and LEATS confirmed Matthews statements about hearing walkie-talkie type radio traffic coming from the suspects. DEPEW stated his son and LEATS also described hearing the suspects using keys to try and open locked doors in the school. DEPEW stated he felt there were additional suspects hiding out in the outer perimeter communicating with the shooters on the hand-held radios. He asked if the field west of the school had been properly searched for evidence. The Reporting Agent stated he did not know how that area was processed. DEPEW stated he was certain there was probably some type of walkie-talkie type device laying out there and was considering checking the area out on his own. DEPEW stated Jefferson County was given copies of the tapes between his son and Officer LEATS and his Sargent would like to get a copy returned to Denver. He also stated he made a copy of the page Matthew left him and turned it in to Jefferson County. DEPEW stated he never fired his weapon or the 223 during the incident. He was unsure who provided the suppression coverage, but again stated he never fired.



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