



EVANSVILLE LODGE #73 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE®

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On January 19, 2023, local police officers were dispatched to an active shooter situation inside the westside Evansville Walmart. Dozens of police officers from the Evansville Police Department and the Vanderburgh Sheriff's Department rushed to the scene to protect the innocent victims. A review of relevant body camera footage revealed that not one single officer who arrived on scene hesitated to immediately put his or her life on the line to protect the employees and customers inside the store. In fact, many officers who were off-duty at the time immediately rushed to the scene to help.

Once on scene, several officers sprinted into the building and methodically tracked down the subject as he continued to fire his weapon throughout the store. Other officers helped remove employees of the store and swiftly move them to safety. During the incident, the subject fired multiple shots directly at officers. Officers were able to quickly locate the subject and eliminate the threat. The officers' prompt response and willingness to immediately engage the subject saved many lives.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #73 is extremely proud of our officers and their heroic actions. Our officers, who are in danger every day and forced to make split-second life-or-death decisions, face constant scrutiny and are often held to an impossible standard to make the correct decisions in these moments. Facing staffing shortages, these officers are overworked and underpaid. Yet, the officers involved in this active shooting did not hesitate to put themselves in direct and immediate danger to protect Evansville's citizens. FOP Lodge #73 applauds the actions of our officers and will continue to strive to improve their working conditions and support them in every way.

Fraternally,

**Aaron McCormick
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