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ASIRT investigates EPS use of force incident

On October 23, 2016, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed by the acting Director of Law Enforcement to investigate the circumstances surrounding a confrontation between a 20-year-old Edmonton man and members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) that resulted in the use of force by police.

On October 22, 2016 at approximately 8:33 p.m., officers responded to the area of Fox Drive and Fort Edmonton Park Road in response to a 911 call. Upon police arrival, an officer observed a shirtless man, who appeared hyperactive and possibly under the influence of unknown substances, wandering on Fox Drive. As the officers approached, the man attempted to flee. With the assistance of Air1, the man was located and apprehended.

During the apprehension, officers used force to gain control, including physical restraint, the deployment of a conducted energy weapon, commonly known as a Taser, and the assistance of a police service dog.

Emergency medical services personnel attended, provided emergency medical attention, and transported the man to hospital where he was admitted to attempt to identify and eliminate any substances that had been ingested as well as a collapsed lung.

ASIRT's investigation will focus on the circumstances surrounding the conduct of the officers while engaged with the man.

ASIRT's investigation continues. No further information will be released at this time.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently, and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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