



BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE

243 South Allen Street, State College, PA 16801-4806

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I have reviewed the report and concur with the board's findings.

One question that is not answered in the internal review is the status of the officer involved in the shooting. The officer is now cleared for duty but remains on administrative leave. Once the officer is medically cleared to return to duty, the officer will return to active duty.

The State College Police Department has a long history of providing a high level of professional service to our community. There is a strong standard for officers of this department, and I am proud of the men and women of this Department. This is a department that holds each other accountable to maintain the high standards of professional public safety. This is a department that provides the highest level of service to all members of our community and visitors without regard for religion, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion, mental or physical disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, military service, nationality, national origin or citizenship status.

I know there continues to be issues and concerns within our community about mental health and equity, diversity, and inclusion. We remain committed to working together to improve our community's overall response to persons in mental health crisis. The Borough of State College and Centre County are committed to identifying ways to enhance our response to mental health. We announced earlier tonight that we are convening a task force to address mental health crisis services in our community.

The Borough is committed to addressing racial equity and working with persons of color to ensure that this is a community where all are welcome and have equality of access to services. We remain committed to addressing issues of race, equity, and diversity.

As I noted earlier, Chief Gardner and I will be available tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Council Chambers to meet with members of the community.

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Borough Manager