

Chief Scheider-

My name is XXXXXX and I'm writing to let you know that I witnessed yesterday's altercation at County Rd C and Snelling. I drove up to the gentleman before any officers arrived and given the nature of his situation, I decided to turn back around and document everything in solidarity with our community members of color.

I was truly shaken by the pure nature and weight of the situation, but left feeling hopeful that future incidents like this one *can* and *should* be handled with the poise and calculated maneuvers that the Roseville Police Officers displayed. At the start of the incident I was worried, and sadly almost certain, that things might end in violence creating yet another unneeded statistic for our community. This was hardly the case. Once the officers were able to apprehend the man who was clearly in mental distress, they worked collectively to try and calm him down until the medics arrived. At one point I noticed what looked to be an officer rubbing the man's shoulder and reassuring him he's going to be ok.

I'm really thankful I was able to see this level of professionalism from the police officers and medics during these difficult times this past year has shown us. As a community member, I stand with the Black Lives Matter movement and am working to better myself and my family on deeply rooted issues of racism and hatred in our country. I felt it was my duty to show up for that gentleman yesterday. What I witnessed was the Roseville Police department and Medics also showing up for that man without the use of unnecessary force and violence, but with a sense of care and calmness that any individual in our community deserves regardless of the sheer pressure of the situation.

Chief Scheider - My compliments to you and your officers for handling yesterday's altercation with integrity. Please feel free to pass this email along to the officers and medics involved in yesterday's incident. I do understand that being an officer in 2020 (or any year) is not an easy job. I realized this even more so while watching your officers handle the stress and adrenaline so well. Witnessing this brought me a feeling of hope that good officers *do* exist and intense situations like yesterday's *can* be handled without excessive violence. I do have a video of the incident if that is helpful for you to see.

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Best,

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