



# Borough of North Catasauqua Police Department

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Chief of Police

## Amish Outlaw post-operation media release:


On July 10, 2022, The North Catasauqua Recreation Committee hosted a free concert in the North Catasauqua Park featuring the Amish Outlaws. During the planning phase of this event, we were made aware of the potential for a crowd in excess of 5,000 people.

Due to the scale of this event, the North Catasauqua Police Department, at my direction, took multiple pro-active steps to ensure the safety of our citizens and community. One of the proactive steps taken to ensure public safety was placing a tactical officer on a rooftop to conduct 'overwatch' of the event. The said officer is a highly skilled marksman who has trained for situations of this nature.

At no point during this event did the tactical officer ever point his rifle in the vicinity of the crowd. His rifle was mounted on a tri-pod and pointed at the roof for the duration of the event. The rifle was only touched as the sun went down and changes needed to be made to the optic on the rifle. The officer wore a tactical vest which stated POLICE on both the front and back. The entire purpose of this officer's presence was to identify, engage, and eliminate the threat if an active shooter situation were to arise.

It has since been brought to my attention that members of the community felt uneasy about his presence. In light of the numerous active shooting events which occurred across the country, I felt this was a necessary addition to our security measures in order to assure the safety of all in attendance. I apologize to those who were offended or felt uneasy, but at the end of the day, my job as the Chief of Police is to make sure that everyone in our community is safe.

Sincerely,

  
Christopher Wolfer  
Chief of Police  
Borough of North Catasauqua Police