



PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WINGFOOT LAKE PARK SITUATION UPDATE

June 19, 2021

The Portage County Sheriff's Office has received an overwhelming amount of inquiries regarding an increased amount of law enforcement presence in Suffield Township at Wingfoot Lake Park. We have a current situation where there have been reports of shots fired and firearms visible in a crowd of over 2,000 people that are gathered for a Juneteenth celebration and party at Wingfoot Lake Park in Suffield Township. Currently responding is the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Summit County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Mogadore Police, Springfield Police, Hartville Police, Lakemore Police, and additional Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers from Summit, Stark and Portage County Posts. We are attempting to control and evacuate the crowds and restore peace and order at the scene. We will be investigating the original call for help regarding shots fired.

For your safety, please avoid the area.

Please only contact the Portage County Sheriff's Office for emergencies as our dispatchers are handling multiple units out on scene. If more information becomes available, we will communicate an update on Facebook.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Spidalieri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ralph Spidalieri

Chief Deputy

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In response to the recent events that took place this evening at Wingfoot Lake Park in Suffield Township, the situation is now under control as all parties have been evacuated from the park. At this time, firearm complaints will be investigated. No injuries have been reported.

The Portage County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Summit County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Mogadore Police, Springfield Police, Hartville Police, Lakemore Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers from Summit, Stark and Portage County Posts, and the K9 units for assisting with this matter.

At this time, patrols will continue in the area and we ask that you refrain from attending the park.

Respectfully,

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