

IRONDEQUOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

On January 10, 2025, at approximately 10:30 am, Irondequoit Police Officers responded to 25 Strathmore Circle for the call of a person bit by a dog and the dog was still on the loose. Upon their arrival, officers found that a 14-month-old baby girl had been bitten on the leg by a neighbor's dog. Officers found that the baby had a large wound on her leg, so they immediately started trauma care, while asking for the ambulance to expedite their response. Officers were able to provide first-aid until emergency medical personnel could take over care.

While this was going on, additional officers were able to locate the owners of the dog and ascertained the dog had been secured in a vehicle, on the street. Irondequoit's Animal Control Officer was requested to come to the scene to impound the dog for our investigation. Once on scene, it was determined that it might be better for the owner to try and get the dog into our van, as they might be able to control the dog better. As the dog was being brought to the van, he was able to slip his collar and immediately attacked the Animal Control officer. While the Animal Control Officer was trying to kick the dog away, he was bitten on his calf. One of our officers was close enough to see this and was able to draw his service weapon. As soon as there was sufficient distance between the dog and the Animal Control Officer, our officer fired seven rounds into the dog, preventing any further attack.

The 14-month-old was taken to the hospital for treatment. As of this writing, it appears there is no life-threatening injury to the child. The Animal Control officer was taken to the hospital for treatment as well. He has been treated and released. The dog's remains have been impounded and are currently being tested by the Monroe County Health Department for rabies since the dog was not licensed or vaccinated. The owner of the dog will be cited for having an unlicensed dog and not keeping it secured.

We will release our body-worn camera footage, after we have completed all necessary redactions, to protect the privacy of the victims.

Scott Peters

Chief of Police



