

- Deploys force against Black folks at 6x the rate of white folks
- Has the highest arrest rate in APD at an average of 121/year
- Arrests Black folks at 1.6x the rate of white folks (NOT the worst on the force, and only marginally worse than the department average of 1.46)
- Deploys his TASER more than any other APD officer (2.49x/year compared to department average of 0.2)
- Has the second highest rate of take downs in the department at 3.3/year (department average is 0.94/year)

THIS IS OFFICER

ETHAN DOERR

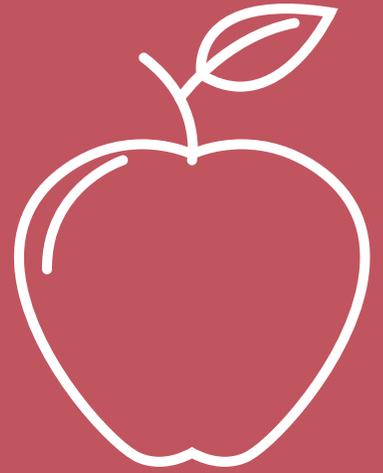
of the Athens Police Department

He has been sued at least twice for excessive use of force.

He deploys force more often than any other APD officer, at more than 7 times/year (department average is 2.12/year)

In 2018, Doerr TASED Jacob Francis, causing him to fall 15-20 feet, including down three steps, into a wall. Francis was unconscious for 60 seconds, and woke to injuries including a head laceration; fractures to the face, jaw, and nose; and scrapes on his hands and face. He required emergency treatment and his jaw had to be wired shut. This is just one of 16 known use of force incidents perpetrated by Doerr since April 2018.

IT'S NOT JUST ONE BAD APPLE



Doerr's supervisors praise Doerr for his aggression and high arrest numbers, while city officials look the other way.

"P.O. Doerr thinks logically and tactically when responding to calls which shows a high level of safety not only for himself but also other officers." -- APD Chief Tom Pyle, in his July 2019 performance review

"P.O. Doerr brings a lot of knowledge and experience from Logan P.D. which shows in his interactions with the public and his reports. One of the biggest qualities I have already observed in P.O Doerr is his ability to remain calm when a situation escalates." -- Lieutenant Ross Holter, who goes on to cite Doerr's attack on Jacob Francis as an example of Doerr's "calm" behavior

None of Doerr's six performance reviews released by APD contains any negative feedback at all. In fact, Doerr is consistently praised for his high traffic stop and arrest numbers, and his aggression is reframed as being "proactive."

In September 2019, Doerr and two other APD officers attacked Black University of Cincinnati student Ty Bealer, punching him, slamming him to the ground, and holding him down while pushing his face into the bricks of Court Street. Doerr TASED Bealer three times while he was pinned down. Here's how city officials responded:

"I don't see racism in this incident. I just don't." - **Police Chief Tom Pyle**, who went on to call the use of force "justified and restrained." **Mayor Steve Patterson** and **City Safety Director Andy Stone** were present, and agreed with Pyle. **Mayor Patterson** further accused students and activists of "spreading misinformation" by sharing the video of the incident.

"I believe that our administration and our Chief of Police would not condone any type of singling out, any type of racism that would involve additional harsh treatment in any type of situation like that." -**City Council member Pete Kotses**, after attending the press conference from which the above quote was drawn

"I do think it's only fair to let the investigation go forward and get all the facts before any actions are taken against any members of the Athens police department... I have met twice with Chief Tom Pyle, Chief of the Athens Police Department, and I've been pretty impressed with his strong statements when we were talking about how if he ever finds evidence that a member of his police force is racist, he'll fire the person. That he will not tolerate racism." - **City Council member Beth Clodfelter**, after Tom Pyle had already said there was no racism in this incident

"There are many, many things we do not know about that incident... That is the way our justice system works and needs to work.... Things that I have learned since watching the video is that, though the video looked violent and frightening, the individual was not harmed.... I know that our law enforcement officers are trained, and they are trained in a manner to keep the individual that is being arrested, as well as the people surrounding them, the public, safe." -**City Council member Sarah Grace** (Note that Bealer required medical treatment for his injuries, as have other victims of APD brutality.)

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