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The Babbitt Police Department has completed its review of the officer involved shooting incident which occurred on 01/24/12 involving Babbitt Police Officer Jon Shenett. The review was conducted by Chief of Police Chad Loewen to determine whether the actions of Officer Shenett followed the Babbitt Police Department's Policies and Procedures.

The review was based on the investigative reports completed by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). These agencies were requested to investigate the incident by the Babbitt Police Department.

While responding to a disturbance call on 01/24/2012 Officer Shenett deployed both his Tazer and his firearm resulting in injury to Derek Klingfus. This required the review of the Babbitt Police Department's Use of Force and Tazer policies. Those policies determine when and how an officer should react when a threat is presented.

The investigation showed that as the situation unfolded, measures were taken by Officer Shenett to manage the threat level to both a small child as well as himself. Those measures included calling for backup, giving verbal commands, use of the Tazer, and discharge of his firearm. The investigation also shows that Officer Shenett terminated his Use of Force once the threat was eliminated, and continued to manage the crime scene until assisting officers arrived.

These actions, as documented by the investigation, meet all the requirements and responsibilities as directed by the Babbitt Police Department's policies and procedures in regards to properly handling this specific call. Officer Shenett would have been remiss in his duties as a Police Officer had he not reacted to the threats as he did.

As a result of this investigation and review, no action will be taken by the Babbitt Police Department to discipline Officer Shenett for his handling of this incident.

The Babbitt Police Department would like to thank the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, the St. Louis County Attorney's Office, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), the Ely Police Department and the Lake County Sheriff's Department for assisting with this incident.

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