

Penn Hills Police Officer, Michael Crawshaw killed in the line of duty...

Penn Hills Police Officer Michael Crawshaw 32 years of age was killed in the line of duty while waiting for backup at the scene of a shooting on Johnston Road in Penn Hills. Officer Crawshaw was a graduate of Shaler Area High School, Edinboro University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Police Academy. He worked for the University of Pittsburgh Police Department before joining the force in Penn Hills.



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PENN HILLS, Pa. (AP) - A police officer responding to a domestic disturbance was shot dead outside a suburban Pittsburgh home where another man was killed inside, authorities said.

Neighbors reported hearing 10 gunshots at the home in Penn Hills, an Allegheny County township of about 50,000 residents.

The civilian was shot in the home, but not by the officer, and the officer was shot in his patrol car, apparently by someone using an assault rifle, county police Superintendent Charles W. Moffatt said. "Police had no suspects".

He wouldn't comment on earlier claims by emergency dispatchers that police wanted to question a man believed to have been carrying an assault rifle.

The officer, Michael Crawshaw, was parked two or three houses away from the scene while waiting for backup when he was shot. Penn Hills Police Chief Howard Burton told WPXI-TV. "Officer Crawshaw had been on the Penn Hills police force for two years".

Neighbor Nancy Salera, who lives about four houses away from where the shooting happened, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette she was, "absolutely horrified" by what sounded like the firing of a machine gun. She said, "Police swarmed the area minutes after the gunfire stopped".