



Maumee Police Internal Investigation

Introduction:

Employee: Sgt. Gregory Westrick

Investigator: Michael Love, Assistant Chief of Police

Date and Source of Compliant: 9/8/2022

Synopsis: Sgt. Gregory Westrick's information was provided by the Anti-Defamation League alleging that he is a member of the Oath Keepers organization/group which is classified by the FBI as an anti-government organization.

Summary:

1. Violation of **Manual of Operations Chapter 4 Personal Conduct, Section 4, Conduct Unbecoming an Officer.**
2. Violation of Lexipol Policy 1030, **Employee Speech, Expression and Social Networking.**
3. Violation of Lexipol Policy 320, **Standards of Conduct.**

Evidence: Interview w/Sgt. Westrick and OLC representatives: Wegman & Fortlage

1st Interview

September 19th, 2022, at 1000 hours.

Garrity Signed: 0956.

Interview Start: 1000.

Interview Ended: 1101.

1. Are you a member of the Oath Keepers organization/group? **Yes.**
 - a. How did you sign up for a membership with the Oath Keepers organization (online sign up, by phone, etc) **All I remember is I received the items at work it was a pamphlet in 2013 or 2014 because they dropped it off at the police station. I can't say for sure I either mailed in a check or did it online.**
 - b. Did you use a device (cell phone, computer) did you use to sign up for the Oath Keepers membership? **Again, I'm not sure if it was done by paper or online but I would have used a computer if online.**
 - c. What year did you become a member of the Oath Keepers organization? **I believe it was either 2014 or 2015, I'm unable to locate my membership card, it was a one-year membership.**
 - d. Did you pay any annual membership dues to the Oath Keepers or any other anti-government group? **No, just that onetime fee and no other groups. At the time that I signed up they were a pro police, first responder, veteran and second amendment group and not an anti-**



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government group. (Fortlage responded who clarifies what an anti-government group is? * I responded the FBI.**

- i. Have you renewed your membership with the Oath Keepers organization since your original signup date? **No.**
 - e. Why did you become a member of the Oath Keepers? **Because they spoke about supporting police, first responders, veterans and pro second amendment and those are all things I believe in and being all those things and a pro second amendment advocate.**
 - f. What research did you do on the Oath Keepers organization prior to signing up for the membership? **Read the pamphlet and looked at the website.**
 - g. What research have you done on the Oath Keepers organization since your initial sign up for the Oath Keepers membership? **They would send me emails every now and then of what they were doing trying to promote pro second amendment stuff, pro first responders and helping the military veterans.**
2. Did you interact with the Oath Keepers website or any other digital format during hours of employment with the City of Maumee? **No.**
- a. Have you used a city owned device to connect, view, or interact with any online site affiliated with the Oath Keepers or any other type of anti-government group or militia? **No.**
 - b. Have you knowingly communicated with any Oath Keeper members? **No. They have never personally reached out to me other than sending a blanket email out.**
 - c. Did you identify yourself as a Maumee Police Officer during your interactions with the Oath Keepers group or member of the group? **I may have said that I was a police officer but not sure if I said where I work.**
 - d. The information *****@buckeye.express.com and phone number 419-297-****, are these your personal email and phone number? **Yes. My current phone number but not current email.**
- I. When was your email changed? **Seven years ago, now.**
- e. Did you provide the address 109 E. Dudley St Maumee, OH 43547 to the Oath Keepers? **I don't know, I don't recall that. Just like other officers I have used this address to have things sent to the police department. I use this address for the BMV and caliber press information.**



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- i. What information did you provide to the Oath Keepers? **My name, address phone number email address, that I was a gunsmith and did web design.**
3. The information you provided to the Oath Keepers said that you were interested in attending local rallies, did you attend any Oath Keepers' or other organizational events, rallies, or meet with members of the group? **No.**
4. Your written correspondence with the Oath Keepers site stated, "As far as talents, I am a trained gunsmith and certified (sic) armored on a few weapon systems." Why is this statement relevant and what was your intent by making this statement? **Because every time I have a conversation with someone it revolves around three things, me being a police officer, veteran, and a gun enthusiast. These are the ways I get to know people and I absolutely love to speak to people about firearms. The more people I speak with about them the better my knowledge base, and in this department, I am known as the guy to speak to about firearms, that's how passionate I am.**
5. Have you provided any service, support or advise to the Oath Keepers organization or any member, relative to gunsmithing, armoring, weapon systems or any other tactical advice or training? **No, unless one of the eleven guys here are a member of the organization that I don't know.**
6. You provided the Oath Keepers with the following statement, "But I also have computer skills for above average web applications" what was the relevance or intent behind the statement, and have you provided any service, support or advice to the Oath Keepers organization or any member relative to computer skills or applications or web skills? **No, I have not provided any of the skills to them. I made the web page for the Maumee police and learned HTML.**
7. Have you had any other communication with the Oath Keepers or other anti-government entities such as digital, written, or personal contact etc.? **No.**
8. You took an oath upon becoming a police officer employed by the city of Maumee that you would uphold Federal, State, and Local laws. With the allegations of your involvement with the Oath Keepers organization are you capable of performing your duties appropriately and honoring the oath you made? **Absolutely when I come to work I do not bring my political or personal views to work, my record will show that my shift and myself the most active in taking guns off the street and I was also picked to be one of the only two BATFE to do the etrace program where I personally enter weapons, serial number, and test fire weapons for Detective Warden to identify guns used in crimes, also my record will show that I have only treated people with respect when I am working.**
9. Do you believe your alleged membership with the Oath Keepers has damaged the reputation or professionalism of the Maumee Police Division or its employees within the public eye? **I'm embarrassed by it, absolutely. I've had to deal with it, I've**



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had to deal with the death threats and the threats to my safety on social media, I had to put in more cameras at the house.

10:30 - (Wegman asks for a minute to caucus with Westrick & Fortlage) I leave the room for them to talk amongst each other.

10:37-Wegman Wants to clarify Question #9- **At the time I joined I was not embarrassed by it they had all the things I was proud of. I had no inkling that they were going to go astray.**

10. Do you believe that your membership and affiliation with the Oath Keepers has brought discredit to the Maumee Police Division? **Again, I think I'm ashamed of it and not proud of them (Oath Keepers) and as far as the department I'm sure it's embarrassing for them.**
 - a. Can you clarify, do you believe discredit was brought to the Police Division? (Wegman asks to caucus again at 1045 hours regarding the question. 1051 we reconvene) **No, my actions did not discredit the department, I would have not joined if I would have known we would be here today.**
11. What was the date in which you signed up for the membership with the Oath Keepers? **I don't know the specific date.**
12. Have you removed yourself as a member from the Oath Keepers? **I have not done anything besides not pay anymore dues and have had no contact with them until I'm advised by legal counsel to do so.**
13. Is there anything further you wish to add regarding this matter? **No.**

2nd Interview September 27th, 2022, at 10:00 hours. OLC Rep: Wegman & Fortlage

Garrity Signed:1000

Interview Start:1002

Interview End:1048

1. How did you advise the Oath Keepers of your background and other skills? **I don't remember if I sent in the mailer or filled it out online.**
2. How did you learn that the Oath Keepers held rallies? **From their pamphlet.**
 - a. That was before you signed up? **Yes.**
3. What local rallies did you want to attend? **They didn't advise of any local.**
4. What rallies were you interested in? **They never had any.**



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5. You said that you were interested in attending rallies, what interests did you have for the rallies? **Networking for gun organization, my second amendment, and what they originally said they were about, pro police and pro veteran.**
 - a. What is gunsmithing? **Being able to take apart guns and put them back together and I got a degree from the Army from Penn-Foster as part of my GI Bill for gunsmithing.**
 - b. Do you have a side business for gunsmithing? **No, I don't do it as a business because of the liability factor, I don't have an LLC, so I don't take on the liability for others, doing a trigger job or anything, nothing business wise.**
6. Did you voluntarily give information to the Oath Keepers that you were a trained gunsmith and certified armor on a few weapons systems? **I don't remember the second half, but I do remember gunsmith.**
7. Did you believe Oath Keepers need certified armors and why? **I didn't believe they needed them.**
8. A copy of an Oath Keepers application is being handed to you. Is this what you completed upon membership? **No, I don't remember this at all.**
9. Did you directly or indirectly receive any information from the Oath Keepers since you signed up? **They sent emails to the old snpr1 email account.**
10. Since you switched email addresses have you received any further information from the Oath Keepers? **No**
11. Do you receive anything to your home? **No.**
12. Do you receive anything at the Police Department? **No**
13. Are you active on the dark web? **No**
14. Why did you believe the Oath Keepers needed individuals who could support them in weaponry and with computers and communicate this to them? **To let them know, I was bragging about myself.**
 - a) (I handed Sgt. Westrick an Oath keeper Member Identification card). Is this a true and accurate copy of the membership card you received from the Oath keepers? **It looks similar to the card I remember.** When did you receive your Oath Keeper Member Identification Card? **I believe it was 2013.**
 - b) Did you locate your membership card? **No**
 - c) The card pledges that you will not obey the 10 lawful orders listed in the declaration of Orders, is that correct? **I don't know what that's about, there was nothing that I remember about this being on the card I received.**



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15. (I handed Sgt. Westrick a copy of the 10 Orders the Oath Keepers will not obey) When did you sign your pledge to follow these orders? **I don't remember anything like this.**
16. Do you recall what the Oath is? **No nothing like this at all.**
17. Were you aware that the Oath Keepers participated in anti-government activities before you became a member? **No.**
18. Were you aware that there was information about the Oath Keepers on the internet starting in 2009? **No.**
19. Do you believe that your membership in the Oath Keepers will undermine your effectiveness in court? **Absolutely not, because I don't bring my personal views or my political views to work.**
20. If asked on the stand if you're a member of the Oath Keepers, what would be your answer? **I was a member of the Oath Keepers at one time.**
21. Do you believe that your membership in the Oath Keepers places you and other Maumee officers at risk of harm? **No, I don't believe it places anyone else at harm, I have had threats from people but I'm dealing with my own stuff and every day we as police officers are threatened by different people, so I don't believe this put anyone at more risk.**
22. When approximately was the last email, text, or communications you received from the Oath Keepers organization or its members? **I don't know.**
23. Was it in 2022? **No.**
24. Was it in 2021? **No.**
25. Was it in 2020? **No.**
26. Was it in 2019? **No.**
27. Was it anywhere near when you signed up? **They sent me an email. I don't know.**
28. Will you turn over your computers and or cell phones that you have been using since 2014 for Maumee to have forensically analyzed for information about the Oath Keepers? **No.**
29. How much did you pay the Oath Keepers for your membership? **I think it was \$35 or \$40.**
30. Have you determined how you paid the Oath Keepers for the membership, by check or credit card? **I believe check.**
31. Do you believe the January 6th events at the capital were justified? **NO.**
32. Do you have anything further that you would like to add? **No thank you.**



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Investigation:

September 2022, Sgt. Westrick's information as being a member of the anti-government group the Oath Keepers was leaked to the media by the Anti-Defamation League [ADL]. The information which was leaked was obtained by the [Distributed Denial of Secrets] who uploaded data which is linked to the Oath Keepers group. Within the information that was obtained by the Police Division from the ADL stated, "It is important to note that inclusion on this list means that at some point they signed up for membership". The information given to the police division showed that Sgt. Westrick gave his name, email [*****@buckeye-express.com], personal phone number [419-297-****], and address of 109 E. Dudley St, Maumee Oh, 43537, which is the police divisions address. Sgt. Westrick also wrote, "I am interested in local rallies. As far as talents, I am a trained gunsmith and certified (sic) armored on a few weapon systems. But I also have computer skills for above average web applications" which was also supplied to the Oath Keepers.

Sgt. Westrick was asked if he was a member of the Oath Keepers organization and he confirmed that he was a member. He was unable to give an exact time when he signed up for the membership but said that he believed it was 2014 or 2015 and it was a one-year membership. Sgt. Westrick explained that the reason he signed up to become a member of the Oath Keepers was that he believed in what the organization stood for at the time that he signed up stating, **"Because they spoke about supporting police, first responders, veterans and pro second amendment and those are all things I believe in and being all those things and a pro second amendment advocate."** Sgt. Westrick claims that he has had no contact with the organization besides blanket emails which they send out to everyone, but he has not personally contacted the organization or their members.