

Neighboring police officers assist Cheektowaga at large fight

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A large crowd spills out into the parking lot of 40/8 Club at 810 Rein Road after a fight on February 24th. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – Several neighboring law enforcement agencies assisted Cheektowaga Police officers at the scene of a large fight inside the 40/8 Club at 810 Rein Road overnight Saturday.

Every on-duty patrol officer in the town responded to the club around midnight after several 911 calls reported a large fight inside. They were joined by officers from Amherst Police, Depew Police, NFTA Police, and State Police. The Erie County Sheriff Office was monitoring the incident and also offered to send deputies if they were needed.

Cheektowaga Police at the scene tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that one male was hurt during the fight. It appears he was either stabbed or he cut himself on a piece of glass during the scuffle. They weren't exactly sure how he was hurt because he was not cooperating with investigators. He was



A male was transported to Erie County Medical Center after a fight inside the 40/8 Club at 810 Rein Road on

transported to Erie County Medical Center by ambulance for treatment.

February 24th. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

Police say they were told the party at the military social club was being thrown for a returning serviceman and attendees ranged in age from 16 to their early 20s.

It is difficult to determine what occurred inside the club before officers arrived because eyewitnesses were not cooperative according to police.

An eyewitness outside the club tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that it was a birthday party and people were "wall to wall" in the small building. The fight broke out while everyone was dancing according to another eyewitness.

Security was on site, but they could not control the crowd. Earlier in the evening, the police stopped by the club after a caller reported a loud group of teenagers outside in the parking lot. The police offered assistance to the security guards in shutting down the party, but they opted to have it continue.

No arrests were made.