
14.0 TACTICAL TEAM

At the discretion of the Chief of Police and the Town Manager, Department members may participate in a special response team to address high-risk calls for service that require special tactical skills beyond those associated with routine calls for service.

The command structure of the team will be determined by the Chief of Police in conjunction with the Sheriff(s) and Chief(s) of Police of other participating agencies. The Chief(s) and Sheriff(s) on participating agencies will guide the selection of tactics and procedures to be employed by the team.

14.01 AVAILABILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS

- A. Since calls for which the team may be deployed may occur at any time, team members are expected to respond for assistance 24 hours a day and should let the Law Enforcement Communications Center know when they will be out of the area and/or otherwise unavailable to respond.

14.02 WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES

- A. The team provides a wide range of services, including the resolution of barricaded suspect situations, hostage rescue, high-risk warrant service and surveillance, and other high risk calls for service as determined by the command staff of the participating agencies.

14.03 PHYSICAL FITNESS

- A. Due to the demanding nature of assignments, each team member is responsible for maintaining a high level of physical fitness on his/her own time.

14.04 SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Department members will be selected from members who have successfully completed the field-training program and have an additional two (2) years of patrol service.
- B. Selection criteria include consideration of the candidate's judgment, common sense, decision-making and enthusiasm for the mission, team orientation adaptability to difficult and stressful circumstances, physical fitness, and firearms proficiency.
- C. Each candidate will be objectively assessed as to the general level of physical fitness with particular attention to cardiovascular capacity and upper body strength.
- D. Assignments of Department members to the team will be made by the Chief of Police.

14.05 EVALUATIONS

- A. All Department members assigned to this team are subject to periodic fitness for duty evaluations by a psychologist or physician hired by the Department to ensure their continued ability to withstand the rigorous nature of this assignment.
- B. Such periodic evaluations may occur at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

14.06 PARTICIPATION

- A. When participating on this team, all members of this Department shall be bound by the policies and procedures of this agency regardless of the jurisdiction in which they are operating.