
	MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
	208.00 TACTICAL TEAM
	Effective Date: November, 2015
	Approved:  <div style="text-align: center;">Chief of Police</div>

- I. Organization
 - The Tactical Team is under the command of the Chief of Police, or his designee.
- II. Primary Duties
 - A. To maintain specialized skills in order to provide a nucleus of trained manpower for high risk situations including but not limited to:
 - 1. Hostage situations
 - 2. Barricaded suspects
 - 3. Sniper incidents
 - 4. Terrorist activities
 - 5. Civil disorders
 - 6. High risk search warrants/arrests
 - B. To provide manpower to combat problems at such locations and times as crime analysis, experience and reason indicate that the deployment of additional forces will prove successful.
 - C. For special activities when the need arises or when violence is anticipated.
 - D. To provide manpower in C.I.D. raids, or for multiple arrest situations.
 - E. To provide training for other department personnel in such areas as officer survival and firearms instruction.
 - F. Other duties, as assigned.
- III. Deployment
 - A. The Tactical Team is to be deployed to specific areas of the city where maximum effectiveness can be obtained in dealing with special crime problems or high risk situations.
 - B. The Tactical Team shall be deployed as a control unit upon activation of the Departmental Disaster Control Plan,
 - 1. any civil disorder where the possibility of sniping, looting or harassment may occur.
 - 2. any natural disaster which may result in danger to lives, destruction of property or looting.
 - C. As directed by the Chief of Police or his designee.
- IV. Emergency Activation – Immediate, Ongoing Threat
 - A. When faced with a situation indicating an immediate need for the Tactical Team, the Sergeant in charge of the incident will notify an on-duty command level officer in their chain of command and relay the facts of the incident.
 - B. The command level officer is authorized to activate the tactical team at that time but will immediately contact the Bureau Commander over the Tactical Team and inform them of the activation.
 - C. If an on-duty command level officer in the initiating sergeant's chain of command is not available, the sergeant initiating the request should contact the Bureau Commander over the Tactical Team directly to initiate the request.
- V. Pre-Planned Warrant Activations
 - A. The sergeant over the unit initiating the service of any warrant shall have the duty to evaluate the details of the warrant service and, if warranted, request the activation of the

Tactical Team to assist. In making this determination, the sergeant should consider all known factors including:

1. The criminal histories of the suspects who are likely to be present at the scene of the warrant service,
 2. The propensity for violence by the suspect or any other person at or around the location of the warrant service,
 3. The physical structure of the location including any barriers, booby traps, reinforced doors or windows,
 4. The geography around the location of the warrant service,
 5. The possibility of injury to any person at or near the location of the warrant service, particularly children,
 6. The probability of weapons being present at the location.
- B. The sergeant in charge of the unit initiating any felony warrant service will complete the Mesquite Police Department – Warrant Service Checklist form and submit it to any on-duty command level supervisor in the Sergeant’s chain of command for review.
- C. If either the command level officer or the sergeant initiating the warrant service believes tactical is needed, the form will be forwarded to the Bureau Commander in charge of the Tactical Team for final approval of the activation. If the Bureau Commander in charge of the Tactical Team is not available, the Assistant Chief over the Operations Division should be contacted directly for final approval of the activation.
- VI. Upon approval of any request for Tactical Team activation, the Assistant Chief over the Operations Bureau will be immediately notified by the Bureau Commander over the Tactical Team that the team is being activated.
- VII. Tactical Operations
- A. Once the Tactical Team has been activated and the Tactical Team Commander has advised the Watch Commander that he has a tactical command established, the responsibility for the inner perimeter becomes that of the Tactical Team Commander.
- B. Once the Tactical Team Commander assumes command of the inner perimeter, he shall be under the direction only of the Chief of Police or his designee. All police personnel at the scene of a tactical situation shall obey the orders of the Tactical Team Commander or his representative.
- C. Perimeters
1. The inner perimeter shall be controlled by the Tactical Team and entry limited to those persons specifically authorized by the Tactical Team.
 2. The outer perimeter shall be controlled by the Watch Commander or Patrol Sergeant and entry limited to only those persons specifically authorized.
 3. The Watch Commander shall establish a command post within the outer perimeter and remain in command of all aspects of the incident excepting the inner perimeter.
- D. The Watch Commander shall assist the Tactical Team Commander in resolving the incident.
- E. Only those officers trained by the department and authorized by the Chief of Police may use specialized weapons. Specialized weapons will include, but are not limited to the following:
1. Automatic weapons
 2. Gas or chemical munitions
 3. Sniper weapons
 4. Entry tools
 5. Ballistic shields
 6. Robotic equipment
- The Chief of Police has authorized the use of these weapons and equipment in accordance with current department policy and training.

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MESQUITE PD TACTICAL WARRANT SERVICE CHECKLIST

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NAME	<input type="text"/>	RACE/SEX/DOB	<input type="text"/>
OFFENSE	<input type="text"/>	SERVICE #	<input type="text"/>

OPERATIONAL PLANNING & LOGISTICS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> HOTEL	<input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE STOP
<input type="checkbox"/> APARTMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____

TARGET ADDRESS:

TARGET DESCRIPTION:

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

SAFETY ISSUES / CONCERNS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> VIOLENT CRIME INVOLVED	<input type="checkbox"/> VIOLENT CRIMINAL HISTORY	<input type="checkbox"/> WEAPONS HISTORY
<input type="checkbox"/> GANG MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> ANTI-ENTRY DEVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> GEOGRAPHIC BARRIERS OR CONSIDERATIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> SURVEILLANCE DEVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> DOGS / ANIMALS	<input type="checkbox"/> WEAPONS KNOWN OR AVAILABLE
<input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN AT LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER OCCUPANTS	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER CONCERNS (DESCRIBE)

DESCRIPTION _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

USE SWAT TEAM DO NOT USE SWAT TEAM

ASSESSOR: _____

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COMMAND LEVEL OFFICER: _____

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SWAT BUREAU COMMANDER: _____

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