
	<b>MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>
	<b>243.00 CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM</b>
	<b>Effective Date: March, 2013</b>
	Approved: _____  Chief of Police

I. Policy Statement

The Crisis Negotiations Team is under the command of the Chief of Police or his designee. The Crisis Negotiations Team should be utilized in circumstances where their specialized skills are likely to result in the successful conclusion of high risk situations; including, but not limited to hostage situations and barricaded suspects.

II. Procedures

- A. In order to be a member of the Crisis Negotiations Team, a candidate must have successfully completed a State approved Basic Hostage Negotiation School. Successful completion of a Hostage Negotiation School does not, however automatically make an officer a member of the Crisis Negotiations Team. Active team members will be selected by supervisors within the Crisis Negotiations Team based upon the skills and abilities that the officer has demonstrated.
- B. People who are not active members of the Crisis Negotiations Team may be utilized in conjunction with active team members if the team leader on scene determines that they may contribute to the successful conclusion of the incident. Examples are when a patrol officer has already established a rapport with the subject or when there is likelihood that a particular officer may be successful in dealing with the subject.
- C. Active Team Members should receive at least eight hours of refresher training every year.

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