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POLICY

In the interest of successful warrant execution, perimeter security, and crowd management/control, and in the interest of providing the safest conditions for department staff and citizenry in general, this policy establishes the Joint Special Events Team (SET). The Joint Special Events Team consists of members of the Fitchburg, Middleton, Sun Prairie Police Departments, and Emergency Medical Services Departments. This policy establishes the guidelines to be used by the team and by the individual departments.

PROCEDURE

A. Background

The Special Events Team was created in order to provide the department a resource in the areas of crowd management/control, low to medium risk warrant execution, perimeter security and control, and emergency response team support. The team will consist of two supervisors and four officers from each department. A supervisor with the rank of Captain or higher will be designated as the Team Leader for the entire team.

The team can be used for those crowd management/control situations that arise with little or no notice or those situations that are planned for in advance. The team may be used for warrant execution when an emergency response team is not the proper resource. The team may also be used in critical incidents in which perimeter security and control is necessary.

Typically, the SET members will be responsible for activities related to their SET objective and will not be involved at the scene with duties that would divert their attention from this objective. For example, members of the team will not be engaged in evidence collection when attempting to secure a scene at a search warrant. However, once the SET objective has been accomplished, SET members may be assigned other scene tasks or responsibilities.

B. Tactical Response Team Callout

Incidents and entries involving subjects known to be armed, subjects that have a violent criminal history, or criminal intelligence that indicates subjects have access to weapons or a propensity to use weapons, will require the requested deployment of an emergency response team. Additionally, hostage, barricaded persons, and sniper situations require the requested deployment of an emergency response team. The primary emergency response team that shall be requested by this agency during the aforementioned situations is the Dane County Sheriff's Office Tactical Response Team. In the event the Dane County Sheriff's Office team is

unavailable, a request will be made to the City of Madison Police Department for the use of their emergency response team.

A SET supervisor from the respective agency making the request shall be notified if an emergency response team responds to an incident.

C. Threat Assessment Matrix

The threat assessment matrix may be used and applied in all possible SET deployment situations and should be completed for all search warrant executions. (Middleton Threat Assessment Matrix)

D. Team Callout Procedure

Locally any department supervisor (OIC) can contact a member of the department who holds the rank of Captain or above and request the deployment of the SET. The decision to deploy the team locally will rest with the Captain or Chief of Police (or designee) after consulting with a team supervisor.

Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS)

Selected Emergency Medical Services Section paramedics are considered part of the SET Team of the police department. The paramedics can provide medical support during training and operational missions, and would be equipped to provide immediate medical support within the inner perimeter of any tactical operation. Thus, an injured officer, civilian or suspect would be provided immediate access to medical care, despite hazardous conditions that might otherwise delay treatment.

1. Deployment- optimally one SET paramedics would be deployed on all SET missions, and would report to the SET supervisor on the scene for briefing. The paramedics would monitor, maintain and brief the team members on environmental health factors that could degrade mission performance (i.e., weather conditions, identifiable safety hazards, or biological threats).
2. Equipment for each TEMS medic-
 - a. Provided by their respective Police Department/unless gear of at least equal quality is provided by the medic
 - i. 1 set of uniforms
 - ii. Ballistic helmet
 - iii. Rifle Plates (2)
 - iv. Rifle Plate Carrier
 - v. Ballistic body armor
 - b. Provided by their respective City EMS
 - i. Any medical supplies including, but not limited to Medic Leg rig, High Threat Extraction kit, and Emergency Evacuation Litter.
3. Wages- wages for TEMS paramedics will be paid for by their respective City Emergency Medical Services.

Barricaded Subjects/Other Critical Incidents

Whenever possible, SET members shall be used for inner perimeter positions on barricaded subject/hostage situation calls or other calls involving the use of perimeters for critical incidents.

Team Callout Outside of Jurisdiction

The number of SET officers necessary to complete a team for deployment will be determined by the nature and circumstances of the incident to which the team is responding.

Each Department may request an entire team or specified number of team members from the other two agencies respond to their city for an incident. The on-duty or on-call supervisor (OIC) will be contacted when another department requests SET member mutual aid. The on-duty or on-call supervisor will relay the information to a SET supervisor for the purpose of a decision regarding team deployment. If deployment is authorized, the on-duty or on-call supervisor may be asked to contact team members.

Additionally, the Special Events Teams may collectively and/or individually be requested by other law enforcement agencies for assistance with incidents within the teams' objectives (i.e. crowd management/control, warrant execution, and emergency response team support). A SET supervisor will evaluate requests for assistance from outside law enforcement agencies.

Each department will utilize their respective policies and procedures for staff notification when team members are deployed. The Chief of Police shall be notified as soon as practical in all cases where a member or members of the team are deployed.

- A. ***Team Supervision:*** The city in which SET deployment occurs will dictate team supervisors (i.e. SET deployment in Fitchburg will be supervised by Fitchburg SET supervisors, SET deployment in Middleton will be supervised by Middleton SET supervisors, and SET deployment in Sun Prairie will be supervised by Sun Prairie SET supervisors).

In the event of a SET deployment outside of Fitchburg, Middleton, or Sun Prairie, a combined team supervisor will be utilized. The three departments will determine a combined team supervisor and assistant supervisor annually in January. The activities of the combined team will be determined by the law enforcement agency responsible for the incident in which the team is deployed.

- B. ***Tactics and Equipment:*** The actions of the Special Events Team will be consistent with department policy regarding the use of force and with provided training in the areas of police tactical response, warrant execution, and crowd management/control. Special Events Team members may use special tools/devices as approved by a SET supervisor. Such use will be in accordance with training and SET procedures. Protective equipment will only be used in a crowd management/control situation at the direction of a SET supervisor.

Proper equipment for SET use will be identified and issued to each team member per mutual agreement by the Chiefs of Police of the three respective agencies with recommendations from team leaders and TEMS paramedics. This list may be revised as needed.

C. *Training*

Fitchburg, Middleton, and Sun Prairie, Special Events Teams will train together a minimum of forty (40) hours every year. Additional team training, either collectively or individually, may also take place. Optimally, TEMS paramedics will attend all training and SET operations as the medical component of the team.

D. *Physical Fitness*

Supervisors and officers on the Special Events Team must be able to pass the department physical fitness assessment test twice each year. Failure to pass the physical fitness assessment test will result in removal from the team.

The physical fitness test consists of the following:

- Vertical Jump – 15.5 Inches
- One Minute Sit Ups – 25 Sit Ups
- 300 Meter Run (68 seconds or less)
- Upper Body Strength Test (25 push-ups or 68% of body weight one time using free weights)
- Timed 1.5 mile distance test (within 15:54)