

GENERAL ORDER

PORT WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Order is to establish the call out procedure for activation of the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department Special Response Team (SRT).

This Order consists of the following numbered sections:

- I. SRT RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS/SITUATIONS
- II. ACTIVATION PROCEDURE
- III. MUTUAL AID
- IV. SELECTION OF SRT MEMBERS

I. SRT RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS/SITUATIONS

A. High Risk Incidents

1. The Ozaukee County Special Response Team (SRT) will be called upon to respond to critical incidents, such as hostage rescue or barricaded suspect incidents. The patrol shift supervisor or officer-in-charge may request the Ozaukee County SRT when all of the following criteria are met subject to the following activation procedure:

- a) The suspect/s is probably armed.
- b) The suspect/s is believed to have been involved in a criminal act or is a significant threat to the lives and safety of citizens and/or police.
- c) The suspect/s is in a position of advantage, affording cover and concealment; or is contained in an open area and the presence or approach of police officers could precipitate an adverse reaction by the suspect.
- d) The suspect/s has refused to submit to an arrest, or has not responded to attempts at communication by the police.

B. High Risk Warrants

1. The Ozaukee County SRT will be requested to serve those warrants classified as "high risk." High risk warrants are those in which there is no practical way the suspect can be arrested outside the location, and one or more of the following criteria is met:
 - a) The location is barricaded or fortified and entry to the location is beyond the normal capability of investigation or patrol units.
 - b) There is reason to believe the suspect/s is/are armed and will use the weapon against law enforcement officers.
 - c) The suspect's background reveals a propensity toward violence; or the suspect/s is affiliated with a gang which has a propensity toward violence.
 - d) The incident location contains superior armament to the standard issued department firearm.

II. ACTIVATION PROCEDURE

- A. The Chief of Police, or designee in the Chief's absence, shall be notified of an existing SRT situation. Approval for activation of the Ozaukee County SRT will be the decision of the Chief of Police or designee, if time permits.
- B. In the event of a critical emergency, and providing neither the Chief of Police nor designee are able to be contacted, the shift supervisor or officer-in-charge shall make the decision whether or not to request the Ozaukee County SRT. In the event the Ozaukee County SRT is activated, the Chief of Police will be notified as soon as possible.

- C. Upon approval of the activation of the Ozaukee County SRT, the shift supervisor or officer-in-charge will contact the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department Consolidated Dispatch Center and request the SRT response for our department. The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department will follow their protocol for activating the SRT and contacting their members to respond.

- D. The Incident Commander (IC) shall remain responsible for command and coordination of all resources at the scene, including personnel and resources from other agencies. For events involving multiple disciplines, a Unified Command (UC) should be established.

- E. The department Incident Commander also retains responsibility for decisions related to the following:
 - 1. All decisions relating to department policy.
 - 2. The use/deployment of department manpower.
 - 3. Approval of a tactical resolution of the incident by the tactical (SRT) unit.
 - 4. When/if to break off negotiations.
 - 5. When/if to allow an incident to become mobile, including provisions for chase/surveillance vehicles and control of travel routes.

III. MUTUAL AID


- A. Members of the Port Washington Police Department who are assigned to the Ozaukee County Special Response Team will assist that team when called out under Mutual Aid.

Port Washington Police Department officers who are assigned as Ozaukee SRT members will be under the direction of the Ozaukee County Special Response Team Officer in Charge for training and all call outs.

IV. SELECTION OF SRT MEMBERS

- A. Selection of a Department officer(s) to serve on the Ozaukee SRT and/or Hostage Negotiations Team will be a competitive process. If the Chief of Police believes the Department is able to provide an officer(s) to serve on the SRT and/or the Hostage Negotiations Team, a notice will be posted seeking letters of interest from officers. The following criteria will be considered during the selection process.
1. Number of years of law enforcement/military experience.
 2. Training and education.
 3. Department evaluations.
 4. Command Staff recommendations
- B. The Chief of Police will make the final selection and forward the name of that officer to the Officer in Charge of the Ozaukee County SRT and Hostage Negotiations Unit. The Ozaukee County SRT OIC will conduct his/her own review and testing of that officer to determine if that officer will be accepted on the team.
- C. The Officer in Charge of the Ozaukee County SRT will set standards for team members such as for decision-making, shooting skills, physical fitness, and attitude.
- D. Once the Officer has been selected by the OIC of the Ozaukee County SRT, all equipment needed to serve on the Ozaukee County SRT will be provided by the Port Washington Police Department.

APPROVED:



Chief Kevin Hingiss

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