TXPSTA

TXPSTA LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMPETITION

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Law Enforcement -1 team of 6 students

Score Sheet

School Name:

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Participant Names:

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This team event evaluates a six (6) member team's ability to respond to a simulated high-risk critical incident requiring tactical planning, leadership, communication, teamwork, and sound decision-making. Teams will be assessed on officer safety, tactical movement, communication, threat assessment, firearm safety, suspect apprehension, team coordination, and the safe resolution of the incident. Scenarios may include situations such as an active threat, officer down, barricaded subject, warrant service, or other high-risk law enforcement incident.

Teams are responsible for providing their own tactical uniforms, duty belts, training weapon/holster, handcuffs, handcuff keys, disposable gloves, protective equipment, training rifles/long guns, and any other approved training equipment necessary for the event. Any rifle or long gun used during the event must have a functioning sling that is used by the competitor carrying the weapon. All weapons must be non-firing training weapons. TXPSTA will provide the event location, role player(s), event scenario, designated dispatch/judge, and any scenario-specific equipment required for the event. Flash bangs, live ammunition, projectiles, or any other prohibited items may not be used during the event.

This is a team event consisting of six (6) competitors. Teams will have a maximum of twenty (20) minutes to complete the event. The first two (2) minutes will be designated for team planning, followed by a maximum of eighteen (18) minutes for scenario execution. After the scenario is presented, the judge will announce "Start" to begin the event and the official time. The team will use the two-minute planning period to develop a plan of action and will then respond to the simulated critical incident utilizing appropriate tactics, communication, teamwork, threat assessment, and officer-safety procedures. The event will conclude when the team leader advises dispatch that the "Scene is Secure/Suspect(s) in Custody." If the team has not completed the event within the twenty (20) minute time limit, the judge will announce "Time," and the event will immediately conclude. Teams will receive credit only for scoring criteria successfully completed before time is called.

At any time during the event, a judge or event supervisor may announce "INDEX." Upon hearing the "INDEX" command, all competitors must immediately stop what they are doing, secure/holster their training weapon as directed, and await further instructions from the judge or event supervisor.

Start Time: _____

End Time: _____

Total Time: _____

Judge Name:

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Judge Comments:

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	Scoring Criteria: ***0= Task not completed to 10 = Task Completed***	**Score 0-10**
1	Dispatch Communication – Arrival on Scene Team leader advises dispatch that the team is on scene, requests a secure radio channel, and confirms whether the perimeter is secure.	
2	Safety Procedures – Action Plan Competitors will be provided with the event scenario and given two (2) minutes to develop a tactical plan of action. The plan should address appropriate tactics, team assignments, officer safety, and communication. The team leader will clearly communicate the plan to all team members and direct its execution during the scenario.	
3	Threat Identification and Prioritization Competitors will demonstrate proper officer safety and threat assessment by identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing threats based on the circumstances presented in the scenario. Team members will maintain appropriate areas of responsibility and respond appropriately to identified threats.	
4	Team Communication Competitors will establish and maintain clear, concise, and effective communication with all team members throughout the scenario. Communication should support team coordination, officer safety, and the successful execution of the team's plan of action.	
5	Team Coverage and Officer Safety Competitors will maintain appropriate coverage of one another throughout the scenario. Team members will maintain downrange (long) coverage and rear security as appropriate, regularly checking their surroundings while maintaining team awareness and officer safety.	
6	Trigger Finger Discipline Competitors will maintain proper trigger finger discipline by keeping their finger straight and outside the trigger guard unless actively engaging an identified threat.	
7	Muzzle Discipline Competitors will maintain proper muzzle control throughout the scenario and will not allow their training weapon to unnecessarily cover or point at another team member or non-threat.	
8	Tactical Movement and Speed of Approach Competitors will demonstrate appropriate tactical movement and adjust their speed of approach based on the circumstances presented in the scenario. During an active threat, competitors should move smoothly and efficiently toward the identified threat, bypassing areas as appropriate. During a non-active or contained incident, competitors should use a deliberate approach and appropriately address doors, openings, and other areas encountered while maintaining officer safety and team coordination.	

9	Tactical Room Entry Competitors will demonstrate appropriate room-entry procedures while maintaining officer safety and team coordination. Team members will properly stack, split as appropriate, enter the room in a controlled manner, and maintain awareness of their assigned areas of responsibility throughout the entry.	
10	Officer Rescue and First Aid (If Applicable) If applicable to the scenario, competitors will safely locate the downed officer, move the officer to a safer location when appropriate, and provide simulated emergency first aid. Competitors will properly articulate the application of a tourniquet when indicated, communicate the time of application, and identify any additional first-aid measures provided.	
11	Threat Assessment and Use-of-Force Decision-Making Competitors will correctly identify threats and non-threats and demonstrate appropriate shoot/don't shoot decision-making based on the totality of the circumstances presented in the scenario.	
12	Weapon Retention and Positioning Competitors will maintain control of their training weapons and use proper positioning to prevent a suspect from gaining access to either a drawn or holstered weapon. Competitors will maintain appropriate distance and protect their weapon during searches, handcuffing, and other close-contact situations.	
13	Verbal Commands Competitors will use clear, concise, and easily understood verbal commands to direct the suspect, gain compliance, and safely control the situation.	
14	Suspect Search Competitors will conduct a systematic and thorough search of the suspect while maintaining proper positioning, weapon retention, and officer safety throughout the search.	
15	Weapons and Contraband Identification Competitors will locate and properly identify all weapons and contraband present on the suspect(s) or within the areas included in the scenario.	
16	Handcuffing Competitors will demonstrate safe and controlled handcuffing techniques. Handcuffs will be properly positioned, checked for appropriate fit using the two-finger rule, and double locked. Competitors will maintain control of the suspect and demonstrate smooth, confident handcuffing procedures while maintaining officer safety.	
17	Custody Status and Scene Security The designated team leader will notify dispatch of the number of individuals taken into custody, provide relevant custody information, and advise dispatch when the scene is secure.	
18	Team Formation and Integrity Team maintains appropriate spacing, formation, and accountability throughout the scenario.	
19	Areas of Responsibility Competitors maintain assigned areas of responsibility and avoid unnecessary duplication or gaps in coverage.	
20	Threat/Non-Threat Identification Team correctly distinguishes suspects, victims, bystanders, and other non-threats.	
21	Scene Security Team properly secures cleared areas and prevents known threats from re-entering secured areas.	
22	Suspect Control Team maintains control of detained suspects and appropriately positions them after apprehension.	
23	Leadership and Teamwork Team leader provides effective direction, and team members communicate and work together throughout the scenario.	
24	Overall Tactical Performance Team demonstrates professionalism, command presence, sound judgment, officer safety, and effective resolution of the scenario.	
	Subtotal:	

Deductions: (Circle *any that apply and note on comment line*)

1	Officer Safety Violations. Any member hurt or disarmed.	**-10**
2	Use of force safety violations. Did suspect get control of weapon, pepper spray or taser?	**-10**
3	Suspect's safety was at risk: injury to the suspect.	**-10**
4	Excessive use of force:Causing actor "PAIN"	**-10**
5	Not completing event or not removing suspect.	**-10**
	Subtotal:	
	Total Score:	