

Detroit Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics

Official Standard Operating Procedures

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SWAT High Command

Rank	Callsign	Name
Commander	SWAT-01	Vacant
Deputy Commander	SWAT-02	Vacant
Asst. Commander	SWAT-03	Vacant

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1.0 Preface

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1.1 Mission Statement

The primary mission of all Detroit Police Department officers is to ensure safety within the state of Detroit. The mission of Special Weapons and Tactics's operators is to respond to high-priority and high-risk calls such as shots fired, bank robberies, kidnappings, and other high-risk calls that normal patrol units are not equipped to deal with.



2.0 Structures in SWAT

2.1 Rank Structures

High Command

Low Command

Supervisors

Team Lead

Operators

2.2 Uniform Structure

Each member of the SWAT needs to wear the uniform appropriate to their rank that is on the Master Roster. The only people exempt and who are allowed to wear custom uniforms are SWAT Low and High Command, DPD Low, and High Command. Supervisors can be identified by the operators in camouflage uniforms.

2.3 Vehicle Structure

Each rank is allowed to drive a different vehicle and higher ranks may drive vehicles that are to be used in ranks below them. You must always follow the vehicle guidelines found on the Master Roster. Your vehicle plate should have your department callsign displayed, not SWAT. Should an operator need access to an armored vehicle above their rank they are to speak with a supervisor to request access. Adding on, you are **not** permitted to use any vehicle that is not on the SWAT roster. Further to the above, **the MRAP is restricted to SWAT HC only and is not to be deployed by anyone other than the 01-05.**

2.4 Weapon Structure

You may use all weapons that you have access to if you have bought them off of the DMRP Store. You should **NOT** use any weapon skins, tints, etc. and the weapons should remain professional looking at all times. The following attachments are to be used on **ALL** SWAT personnel's weapons: A grip, a flashlight, and a sight. On a Carbine Rifle, Carbine Rifle MKII, and Special Carbine MKII you may use an extended magazine. All

operators should use standard weapons provided while being on duty and may use a Combat LMG with a grip, a flashlight, and a scope.

Operators should not be using sniper or marksman rifles unless they have obtained the Marksman Certification.

3.0 Chain of Command

Chain of Command should always be followed within the department and the subdivision, which means you should start your way up. In SWAT the COC is as follows:

Operator - should be contacted about any questions new operators have.

Supervisors - Should be contacted about supervisor questions.

Command - contacted only by HC of DPD or HC of SWAT **ONLY**

3.1 Authorization of Power

Command - except other high command members. Can issue strikes and instate people into the subdivision.

Supervisors - Hand out warnings and issue retraining with HC approval.

4.0 Core Values

4.1 Your own life

While at a scene or just driving, you should always fear for your life. This means if you're in a non-bulletproof / bullet resistant vehicle and someone is aiming a firearm at you, you should always try to get out alive, which means cooperating with them.

4.2 Chain of Command Value

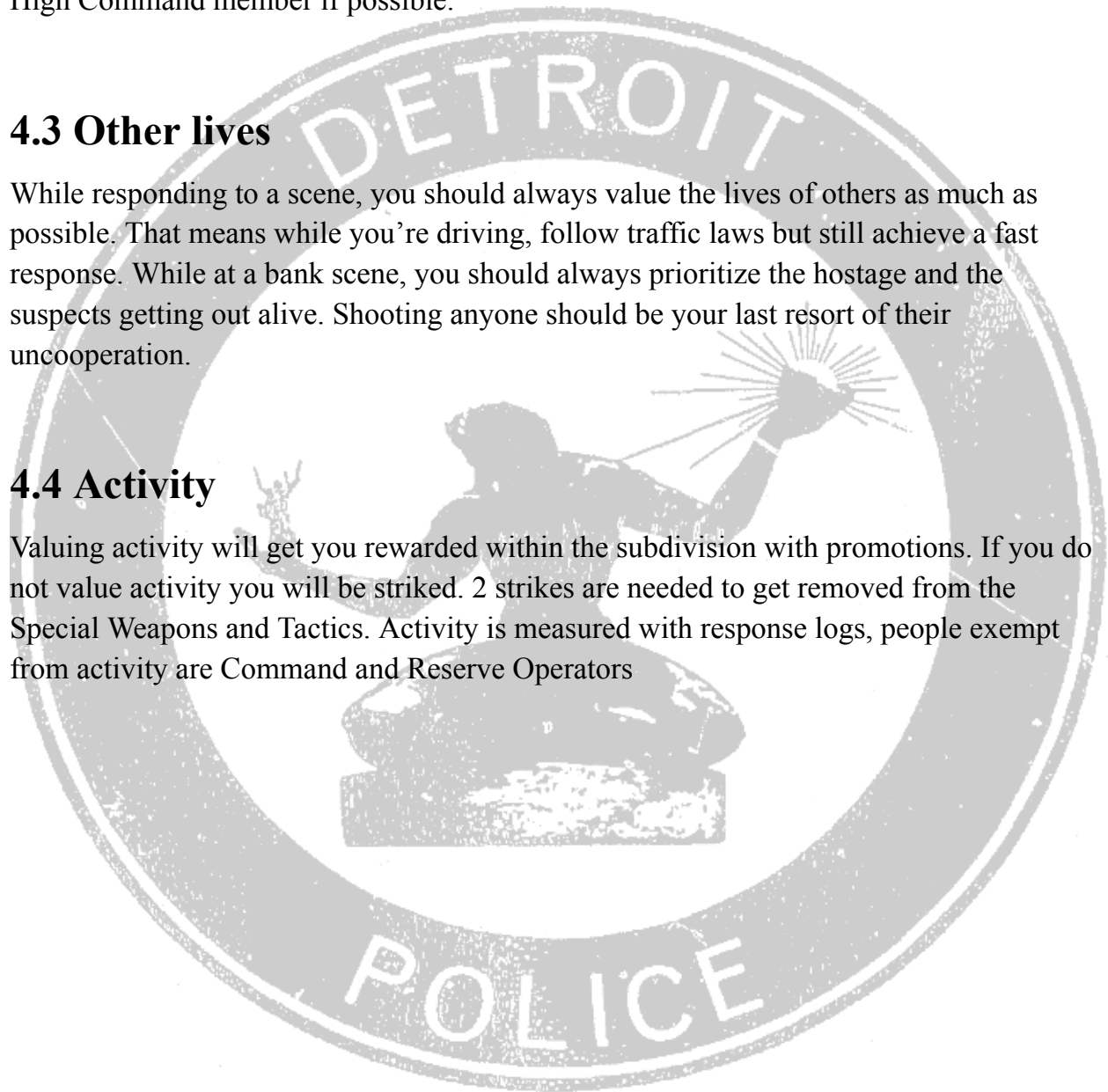
You should always value the Chain of Command since a lot of questions don't need to be brought directly to Low or High Command. If it's urgent you may directly contact a SWAT Command member to resolve the issue. Try to restrain from contacting a SWAT High Command member if possible.

4.3 Other lives

While responding to a scene, you should always value the lives of others as much as possible. That means while you're driving, follow traffic laws but still achieve a fast response. While at a bank scene, you should always prioritize the hostage and the suspects getting out alive. Shooting anyone should be your last resort of their uncooperation.

4.4 Activity

Valuing activity will get you rewarded within the subdivision with promotions. If you do not value activity you will be struck. 2 strikes are needed to get removed from the Special Weapons and Tactics. Activity is measured with response logs, people exempt from activity are Command and Reserve Operators



5.0 Patrolling while active SWAT

When active as SWAT, You must be stationary at one of the PD's if you are full tac for whichever RTO you are in. When responding to a scene, you can leave the PD's for example (raids, bank scenes, hostage scenes, warrants, etc...)

5.1 Needs Ride-Along

Recruits should not be activating as SWAT or patrolling unless they are on a ride along or authorization has been given from a High Command member in exceptional circumstances.

5.2 Operators / Senior Operators

Operators may not patrol alone but can activate on scenes if needed. You may patrol with at least 2 operators. For every scene, you must submit a log. When patrolling with other departments, you may only patrol with other main departments

5.3 Supervisors

With achieving the rank of Supervisor, you gain the ability to patrol alone. You may activate on-scenes and otherwise patrol regularly or patrol as SWAT. For every scene, you must submit a log. When patrolling with other departments, you may only patrol with other main departments (WCSO, MHP, ETC).

5.4 Rules while patrolling

While you're active S.W.A.T with 2 operators, you are to be patrolling unless on an active scene or 10-71 request. While on patrol, you are not allowed to do any traffic stops or attend pursuits unless it involves mass shootings or officers in distress. When arriving at a scene, you may take scene command from anyone unless there's an active tac unit/tac team already at the high priority call. SWAT units are to use the SWAT-1 callsign unless another department is active using this callsign, in which case the unit will either take SWAT-2 or TAC-1.

6.0 Miscellaneous

6.1 BLS

Any SWAT member must perform BLS on any downed suspect or officer until EMS comes. This leads to valuing other lives. Every L.E.O vehicle carries a medical bag, containing all BLS required tools.

6.2 Promotion Requirements

In order to obtain a promotion in S.W.A.T., operators must log a minimum of 2 duty logs a week and be in good standing within the division in terms of disciplinary procedures.

Operators looking to become supervisors within S.W.A.T. must complete the Operational Firearms Commander course in order to allow them to properly plan a breach and high-risk warrant and lead a team.

6.3 Certifications

SWAT has a number of certifications available to new and existing operators. They are as follows:

- Marksman Cert: the marksman cert, arguably the most coveted of all certs, qualifies the operator to use a high-powered marksman rifle in order to neutralize suspects on scenes. **This is administered at the Command Team's discretion and can be revoked at any point without question.**
- Tactical Medic Cert: this provides the operator with the skills required to perform advanced lifesaving procedures on downed suspects and civilians, giving them access to more advanced kit than what would usually be found in the back of a standard patrol car.
- Operational Firearms Commander: the OFC cert qualifies an operator to act as a ground commander on a scene and take overall team lead of the SWAT operators on scene.

7.0 Endnote

Thank you for choosing the Detroit Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Division. Please ensure you have read this document **in its entirety** prior to going out on

your first patrol as SWAT. Breaking any of the rules mentioned above can and will result in your removal from the division.

Signed,

Captain J. Kevin

