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PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to illustrate obtainable emergency resources and establish procedures and guidelines for response to an emergency situation. Emergency resources encompass both personnel and equipment.

POLICY

The Department has numerous avenues of specialized resources to employ. The Incident Commander may request the services of emergency personnel and equipment by contacting the Control Desk. In incidents of extreme emergency, where time is a critical factor, Communications Operations Zone Dispatcher shall be contacted to request a Canine Unit, Underwater Recovery Unit, and/or Evidence Technicians. Requests for emergency resources to conduct operations outside the City of Detroit require the approval of the Chief of Police, an assistant chief, or a deputy chief.

Emergency Personnel

205.9 - 3.1 Tactical Response Unit and Canine

The Tactical Response Unit (TRU) constitutes the Department's mobile strike force. The command serves as a crime prevention and crowd control force, operating citywide, handling a variety of specialized police problems as assigned by proper authority. Canine has specially trained dogs available to members of the Department on a 24-hour basis and has specialized dogs for tracking, detection of explosives, or narcotics. The tracking dogs may be used to find lost persons, fleeing felons, building searches, perpetrator identification, and to search for lost articles.

205.9 - 3.2 Special Response Team (SRT) and Counter-Sniper Team

1. The Special Response Team (SRT) has been established for the purpose of assisting Department personnel during circumstances that involve life-threatening situations. The SRT has highly trained personnel skilled in the use of special equipment and techniques designed to reduce the risk of injury to Department personnel and innocent citizens in dangerous situations.
2. The Counter-Sniper Team (CST) of the Detroit Police Department has been established for the purpose of assisting Department personnel during

circumstances that involve life-threatening situations. The Counter-Sniper Team has highly trained personnel skilled in counter-sniper tactics that are designed to reduce the risk of injury or death to innocent citizens and Department personnel during critical incidents such as armed barricaded persons and hostage situations.

3. The Counter-Sniper Team will work hand-in-hand with the Special Response Team. In addition, the Counter-Sniper Team will also provide accurate, real-time information to the Special Response Team (SRT) and Incident Commander (IC), relative to the target(s) and target sites (observe and report).
4. *To effectively complete its duties, the Counter-Sniper Team is authorized to utilize equipment specified within its Standard Operational Procedures.*

205.9 - 3.3 Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is responsible for responding to all hostage situations, barricaded persons, attempt suicide scenes, or other tactical scenes with emotionally disturbed persons (EDP's) and assists in resolving these situations safely through persuasive dialogue. CNT members are trained in various techniques and equipped with specialized communication equipment to allow for direct communication with the EDP in these circumstances.

205.9 - 3.4 Harbormaster

Harbormaster is responsible for patrolling all Detroit waterways, investigating all cases of improper boat operation and conducting dragging operations on waterways within the City of Detroit. Harbormaster also acts as the Department's liaison to the U.S. Coast Guard for rescue and recovery missions. Harbormaster may respond to distress calls outside the City limits in lower Lake St. Clair and the lower Detroit River when human life is in danger upon proper authorization.

205.9 - 3.5 Underwater Recovery Team

The Underwater Recovery Team assists various commands of the Department in recovering persons, property, or evidence from waterways within the City of Detroit. Requests for non-emergency recoveries, such as evidence property, will generally be scheduled for an upcoming training session.

205.9 - 3.6 Bomb Squad

The Bomb Squad is responsible for the investigation and render-safe of suspected improvised pyrotechnics. They shall also be contacted regarding investigations concerning consumer fireworks, or where an explosion has resulted in property damage or injuries. Only certified hazardous device technicians are authorized to handle, transport, or attempt to disassemble a suspected explosive, incendiary, or pyrotechnic device.

205.9 - 3.7 Detroit Police Reserve Corps

The authority of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee mobilizes the Police Reserve Corps. Reserve officers, in conjunction with a sworn member, may be utilized to provide security escorts for fire or EMS equipment, security at staging, rest, detention areas, or other facilities as directed by the incident commander. Reserve officers assist in providing notification and warning to citizens and other assignments as considered necessary by the incident commander.

205.9 - 3.8 Audio Visual

Personnel from Audio Visual are available to provide video documentation of emergency incidents and police response.

205.9 - 3.9 Chaplain Corps

The Chaplain Corps may be utilized to provide counseling and shelter service to disaster victims and families.

205.9 - 3.10 Evidence Technicians

Evidence Technicians perform crime scene investigation, documentation, photograph disaster or mass casualty scenes, and victims for later identification.

Equipment

205.9 - 4.1 Mobile Command Post

Metro Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Mobile Command Post. The bus is equipped with Detroit Police Department and Michigan State Police radio equipment and is available for use in emergency situations.

205.9 - 4.2 Armored Vehicles

The Special Response Team is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the DPD's two (2) armored vehicles. Both vehicles are equipped with a power winch cable, weapon ports, spot lights, and roof turrets. These two (2) vehicles have the added capability of an extendable battering ram suitable for breaching doors, or providing the means of other points of forcible entry. These vehicles may be utilized for providing cover against pistol and high powered rifle fire, conveying and deploying arrest teams, hostage rescue and/or recovery of injured personnel, and other tactical missions as directed.

205.9 - 4.3 Prisoner Bus

Metro Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a fifty (50) person bus, capable of transporting prisoners, citizens, or police personnel.

205.9 - 4.4 Generators

Portable generators are stationed at each precinct for emergency power.

205.9 - 4.5 Barricades

Metal, wooden, or type 3 barricades are available from the Street Maintenance Division, Department of Public Works.

Updates to the Department Manual are forthcoming.

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