

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

PURPOSE: To establish Department guidelines for activation, structure, and basic operating procedures for the Jacksonville Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT).

POLICY: The Jacksonville Police Department does not employ a dedicated SWAT team. Instead, the policy of the Jacksonville Police Department shall be to utilize a specialized unit consisting of specially selected officers who are trained, equipped, and deployed in high risk law enforcement situations. The members of the Special Response Team (SRT) are assigned other full-time duties and serve on the SRT as needed.

PROCEDURES:

I. STRUCTURE AND COMMAND OF THE SRT

- A. The SRT will be made up of thirteen (13) members who will include one (1) Tactical Team Commander (TTC), one (1) Tactical Team Leader (TTL), one (1) Assistant Team Leader (ATL), and Ten (10) team members.
- B. The SRT is commanded by the TTC. When activated for an operation, the TTL will assume responsibility for the inner perimeter of the incident. The TTL's responsibility for the SRT will include the deployment of the team, tactical decision making and tactical resolutions of the incident. The TTL will decide when and if the tactical option will be initiated and how it will be performed.

II. CALL OUT OF THE SRT

- A. The Shift Supervisor has the authority to immediately request the activation of the SRT for any critical incident within jurisdictional boundaries. The Shift Supervisor will contact the TTC or the TTL, if the TTC is unavailable, and brief him on the incident. The TTC or TTL will then take responsibility for activation of the team.
- B. The SRT is available, with the approval of the Jacksonville Police Department's Chief of Police, or his designee, to any requesting law enforcement agency.
- C. The Chief of Police will be notified by the Captain, or his designee, as soon as possible on all SRT call outs.
- D. In the event of deployment of the SRT, officers will secure the area and establish a Command Post in a secure area to provide for the coordination and control of the situation.
- E. The SRT may be notified in all situations involving the following to supplement other department components: (8.04)
 1. Barricaded subjects;
 2. Hostage situations;
 3. Riots, demonstrations, or civil disorders;
 4. High risk apprehensions involving dangerous suspects, or those that are known to be armed;
 5. High risk/unknown risk narcotics search/arrest warrants where:
 - a. Suspects are known to be dangerous;
 - b. Violence is likely to be encountered;
 - c. It is believed that weapons are being carried by suspect(s); or