

Larimer County Regional SWAT Team

404.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Larimer County Regional SWAT Team is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of two specialized components: the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) and the Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT). The unit has been established to provide specialized support in handling critical field operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactical deployment methods beyond the capacity of field officers appears to be necessary.

404.1.1 OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

Colorado State University Police Department is a member of the Larimer County Regional SWAT Team by a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The Larimer County Regional SWAT Team is operated and administered by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office which maintains policies and procedures in regards to it's operation and administration. Members of the Colorado State University Police Department assigned to the SWAT team shall operate under the policies, procedures and command of the Larimer County Sheriff's Office while working with the SWAT Team.

404.2 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE LARIMER COUNTY REGIONAL SWAT TEAM

The following procedures serve as guidelines for the operational deployment of the SWAT Team. Generally, the SWAT team and the CNT will be activated together. It is recognized, however, that a tactical team may be used in a situation not requiring the physical presence of the CNT, such as warrant service operations. This shall be at the discretion of the SWAT commander.

404.2.1 ON-SCENE DETERMINATION

The supervisor in charge at the scene of a particular event will assess whether the SWAT Team should respond. Upon final determination by the Shift Supervisor, the SWAT commander will be consulted.

404.2.2 APPROPRIATE SITUATIONS FOR USE OF THE REGIONAL SWAT TEAM

The following are examples of incidents that may result in the activation of the SWAT Team:

- (a) Barricaded suspects who refuse an order to surrender
- (b) Incidents where hostages have been taken
- (c) Cases of suicide threats
- (d) Arrests of persons reasonably believed to be dangerous
- (e) Any situation in which SWAT or CNT deployment could enhance the ability to preserve life, maintain social order and ensure the protection of property

404.2.3 MOBILIZATION OF THE LARIMER COUNTY REGIONAL SWAT TEAM

The on-scene supervisor shall make a request to the Shift Supervisor for the Regional SWAT Team to respond. The Shift Supervisor shall then notify the SWAT commander. If unavailable,

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a team supervisor shall be notified. The Shift Supervisor will then notify the Operations Division Commander as soon as practicable.

The Shift Supervisor should brief the SWAT commander with the following information if available:

- (a) The number of suspects, known weapons and resources
- (b) If the suspect is in control of hostages
- (c) If the suspect is barricaded
- (d) The type of crime involved
- (e) If the suspect has threatened or attempted suicide
- (f) The location and safe approach to the command post
- (g) The extent of any perimeter and the number of officers involved
- (h) Any other important facts critical to the immediate situation, and whether the suspect has refused an order to surrender

404.2.4 FIELD UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

While waiting for the Regional SWAT Team, field personnel should, if safe, practicable and if sufficient resources exist:

- (a) Establish an inner and outer perimeter.
- (b) Establish a command post outside of the inner perimeter.
- (c) Establish a patrol emergency arrest/response team prior to SWAT arrival. The team actions may include:
 - 1. Securing any subject or suspect who may surrender.
 - 2. Taking action to mitigate a lethal threat or behavior.
- (d) Evacuate any injured persons or citizens in the zone of danger.
- (e) Attempt to establish preliminary communications with the suspect. Once the SWAT has arrived, all negotiations should generally be halted to allow the negotiators and SWAT team time to set up.
- (f) Be prepared to brief the SWAT commander on the situation.
- (g) Plan for and stage anticipated resources.

404.2.5 ON-SCENE COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon arrival of the Regional SWAT Team, the Incident Commander shall brief the SWAT commander and team supervisors. Upon review, it will be the Incident Commander's decision, with input from the SWAT commander, whether to deploy the Regional SWAT Team. Once the Incident Commander authorizes deployment, the SWAT commander will be responsible for the tactical portion of the operation. The Incident Commander shall continue supervision of the command post operation, outer perimeter security and support for the Regional SWAT Team. The

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Incident Commander and the SWAT commander or the authorized designee shall maintain communications at all times.