



## CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**PURPOSE**

West Metro SWAT is comprised of member officers from the Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope and Robbinsdale Police Departments. The main purpose of SWAT is to handle potentially dangerous situations in a manner that will minimize the amount of risk for police officers and citizens.

**SUPERVISION**

The administration of the team is made up of the Chief Law Enforcement Officers from the member departments. One member agency will assign a member of the police department administration to serve as the SWAT lead administrative supervisor.

The tactical commander of SWAT will be the Commander or Assistant Commander of West Metro Swat. The tactical second in command will be a CPD supervisor acting as liaison to SWAT at critical incidents.

The highest ranking officer in the Crystal Police Department who is on scene of a critical incident will be scene commander. Tactical plans will be prepared by the tactical commander and approved by the scene commander prior to implementation unless this notification would cause a delay that could reduce safety for team members or other persons.

**ACTIVATION OF SWAT**

Situations where the team may be activated include, but are not limited to:

1. barricaded armed suspect;
2. hostage situation;

3. high risk arrests and search warrants;
4. to provide support in an unusual police action;
5. any other situation that would call for their special training or weapons.

In situations where SWAT may be used, the shift supervisor or OIC will make the request by contacting one of the following in this order:

1. Patrol Lieutenant;
2. Deputy Chief of Police;
3. The Chief of Police or Designee;
4. Shift Supervisor may request SWAT activation for standby pending notification of 1, 2 or 3.

The shift supervisor or designee will then make a formal request to activate SWAT by contacting the on-duty Golden Valley P.D. Shift Supervisor. They will then initiate the SWAT callout procedure.

When SWAT is activated inside or outside the City of Crystal, the Deputy Chief of Police or the Chief of Police will be advised.

## **MUTUAL AID**

In the event of a call for mutual aid, the following will be adhered to:

- All SWAT officers will report to Golden Valley Police Department or other designated location;
- The SWAT supervisor or second in command will contact the officer in charge and follow their orders for the duration of the situation.

## **PROCEDURES AT SCENE**

Once the SWAT members are on scene, unit members will follow the direction of the SWAT supervisor or designated second in command in his absence.

All non-SWAT officers at the scene will act as outer perimeter controllers unless directed otherwise by the SWAT supervisor. SWAT will have the responsibility for the inner perimeter.

No discharge of firearms will be done by SWAT members unless specifically ordered by the SWAT supervisor or in accordance with Minnesota Statute 609.065, 609.066, and 629.33 Use of Deadly Force.

Absolutely no discharge of firearms will be done by non-SWAT officers except in self-defense and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 609.065, 609.066 and 629.33 Use of Deadly Force.

When any suspect or hostages are apprehended or released, they will be taken into custody by SWAT members and then turned over to non-SWAT officers for proper processing.

SWAT members will secure the scene until control is given to the on-duty supervisor or their representative.

The scene commander in charge will determine when and if negotiations are to be ceased.

### **INCIDENT DEBRIEFING**

The Swat supervisor shall provide an incident summary for department command staff at a post-incident debriefing.