

	MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
	Subject TACTICAL SUPPORT AT OFFICE JAIL FACILITIES	Policy Number GJ-8 Effective Date 10-29-20
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Office Policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for the availability and use of various tactical response teams from the SWAT Division at any Office jail facility.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Office to use tactical response teams from the SWAT Division when the seriousness of an incident warrants their assistance in an effort to affect the safe and expeditious resolution of a high-risk incident within an Office jail facility.

DEFINITIONS

Barricade Situation: An incident where an inmate has isolated themselves in a closed environment, demonstrating an unwillingness to present themselves for their safety, or the safety of others, by the use of force or threatened the use of force, or who has refused lawful orders to surrender.

Hostage Situation: An incident where a person holds others by force.

Incident Commander: The commander or supervisor at the scene of a high-risk incident, responsible for reporting the seriousness of the situation, requesting immediate resources to handle the incident, establishing a command post, and directing available resources.

Tactical Commander: An employee with the rank of lieutenant or above responsible for the deployment and coordination of the SWAT Division units.

PROCEDURES

1. **Tactical Operations Unit (TOU) Response:** In the event of a riot, hostage, or barricade situation involving a suspect or inmate armed with a weapon, or other serious situations occurring at an Office jail facility, the jail facility commander at the scene may request assistance from the TOU. The request shall be made through the Communications Division. In addition, the jail facility commander shall ensure that the Communications Division notifies the appropriate sworn command deputy or district commander to respond to the Office jail facility.
 - A. When a situation at an Office jail facility requires the deployment of TOU, the Tactical Commander shall ensure their chain of command is notified of the situation.
 - B. The Office personnel on scene with the most direct knowledge of the situation, other than the Tactical Commander, should assume initial responsibility for the overall control and command of the situation as the Incident Commander. Command of the Office jail facility shall remain with the on-scene jail facility commander.

- C. The Tactical Commander will formulate a plan to resolve the situation. The Incident Commander and the Tactical Commander shall work jointly with the jail facility commander when formulating the plan of action. The Incident Commander shall designate the objectives of the mission to be assigned to TOU.
 - D. TOU maintains its own command and supervisory personnel and is trained and equipped to provide highly specialized tactical support which is beyond the training and expertise of most supervisors and commanders. The Incident Commander remains in command of the operational activities at the scene and shall make all operational decisions. Only the Tactical Commander or TOU Supervisor shall dictate the specific tactics to be used.
2. **Canine Unit:** The Canine Unit may be used to provide support services in various circumstances at Office jail facilities, such as riot situations, searching for suspects, evidence, or narcotics, and providing back-up for detention personnel. Requests should be made through the Communications Division, by a supervisor, with the approval of the Incident Commander. If the activity is planned in advance, the request may be made directly to the Canine Unit Supervisor.
- A. When a canine is used for a search, Office personnel at the scene shall take the necessary precautions to secure the area to be searched to avoid contamination.
 - B. Office personnel shall not pet, agitate, harass, or feed any Office canine without the permission of the handler.
 - C. If a handler is incapacitated or unable to handle their K-9, another handler may take control of the K-9, if the situation permits.
 - 1. If there is not another handler on the scene, the Canine Unit Supervisor shall immediately be notified by the Incident Commander, or designee, through the Communications Division. The Canine Unit Supervisor shall ensure an appropriate person arrives as soon as possible to take control of the K-9.
 - 2. Personnel near the incapacitated handler and K-9 should not try to take control of the K-9. They should remain calm to prevent exciting the K-9.
3. **Bomb Squad:** Bomb Squad personnel may be called out when an explosive device is discovered, suspected, or reported at, or near a jail facility perimeter. Requests should be made through the Communications Division, as specified in Office Policy GJ-22, *Bombs Threats and Explosive Incidents*.