

	<b>MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY AND PROCEDURES</b>	
	<b>Subject</b>  <b>TACTICAL SUPPORT AT OFFICE JAIL FACILITIES</b>	<b>Policy Number</b> <b>GJ-8</b> <b>Effective Date</b> <b>07-11-24</b>
<b>Related Information</b> DA-1, <i>Emergency Procedures for Custody Bureau Facilities</i> GJ-22, <i>Bombs Threats and Explosive Incidents</i> GJ-25, <i>Canine Unit Operations</i>	<b>Supersedes</b>  GJ-8 (10-29-20)	

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this Office Policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for the deployment of tactical response teams from the Special Weapons and Tactics Division (SWAT) requested in response to an Office jail facility emergency or high-risk situation.

## POLICY

It is the policy of the Office to deploy tactical response teams from the SWAT Division when the seriousness of an incident warrants assistance beyond the resolution capabilities of other Office personnel and units in an effort to affect the safe and expeditious resolution of an emergency or high-risk situation within an Office jail facility.

## DEFINITIONS

***Jail Facility Barricade Incident:*** An incident where a suspect or 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 Incident:*** A situation wherein individuals hold others by force or threaten use of 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.

***Suspicious Package/Item:*** An item that may or may not contain explosives or other hazardous materials that, without further information, poses a potential threat to destroy, disfigure, terrify, harass, or cause death to those in its proximity.

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

## PROCEDURES

1. **Jail Facility Incident:** When an emergency or high-risk situation occurs at an Office jail facility which is beyond the resolution capabilities of the available jail facility personnel, such as the Special Response Team (SRT), the on-scene jail facility commander or supervisor, who assume the responsibilities as the Incident Commander, shall normally request assistance from other Office resources to include tactical response teams from the SWAT Division.

2. **Incident Commander Initial Response:** During an emergency or high-risk situation, the Incident Commander shall:
  - A. Report the seriousness of the situation, request immediate resources to handle the incident, establish a command post, and directing available resources;
  - B. Request assistance through the Communications Division, for notification of the appropriate sworn division and/or district commander for response to the jail facility; and
  - C. Request assistance through the Communications Division, for SWAT Division tactical team call-outs.
3. **Tactical Operations Unit (TOU) Response:** The Tactical Operations Unit (TOU) may be requested to provide a tactical response to an Office jail facility for various emergencies or high-risk situations.
  - A. Deployment of the TOU to a jail facility for such incidents include, but are not limited to:
    1. Riots/crowd control;
    2. Hostage situations;
    3. Jail facility barricade incidents involving suspects or inmates armed with a weapon; or
    4. Other high-risk situations involving an elevated risk of serious injury or death.
  - B. When an incident at a jail facility requires the deployment of TOU, the Tactical Commander shall ensure their chain of command is notified of the situation.
  - C. 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 jail facility shall remain with the on-scene jail facility commander.
  - D. The Tactical Commander and the Incident Commander shall work jointly with the jail facility commander when formulating a plan to resolve the situation. The Incident Commander shall designate the objectives of the mission to be assigned to TOU.
  - E. 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.
    1. The Incident Commander remains in command of the operational activities at the scene and shall make all operational decisions.
    2. Only the Tactical Commander or TOU Supervisor shall dictate the specific tactics to be deployed.
4. **Canine Unit Response:** The Office Canine Unit may be requested to respond to an Office jail facility to provide support services in various emergencies or high-risk situations, to include, but not limited to, riots/crowd control, building or area searches, narcotics and explosives detection, and providing back-up for detention personnel, as specified in Office Policy GJ-25, *Canine Unit Operations*. Call-out requests for Canine Unit response should be made through the Communications Division, at the direction of the Incident

Commander. If the activity is planned in advance, the request may be made directly to the Canine Unit Supervisor.

- A. The decision and method of when and how to deploy a K-9 is the sole decision of the canine handler.
  - B. When a K-9 is deployed for a search, Office personnel at the scene shall take the necessary evidence search precautions to secure the area to be searched to avoid contamination.
  - C. Office personnel shall not handle, pet, or feed any Office K-9 without the permission of the handler.
  - D. Inmates and prisoners shall never be allowed to approach or harass any Office K-9.
  - E. If a handler is incapacitated or unable to control their K-9 and the situation permits, another handler or the handler's supervisor shall be contacted to take control of the K-9. Employees near the injured handler should remain calm to avoid exciting the K-9.
5. **Bomb Squad Response:** The Bomb Squad may be requested to respond to an Office jail facility when a known or suspected explosive or incendiary device or a suspicious package is discovered, suspected, or reported at, or near a jail facility perimeter. Call-out requests for Bomb Squad response should be made through the Communications Division.
- A. Once a known explosive device or suspicious package/item is found, detention personnel shall notify the shift supervisor and initiate initial response procedures, as specified in Office Policy GJ-22, *Bombs Threats and Explosive Incidents*.
  - B. Detention officers shall maintain safety precautions, to include the following:
    - 1. DO NOT use portable radio or cell phone within a 1000-foot radius of the suspicious package/item. All on-scene coordination shall be made by telephone when possible or from at least 1000-feet of the suspected device if radio communication is required; and
    - 2. DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE THE SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE/ITEM IN ANY WAY. Leave the package/item in place and back away. The suspected device shall not be handled by anyone prior to the arrival of the Bomb Squad.